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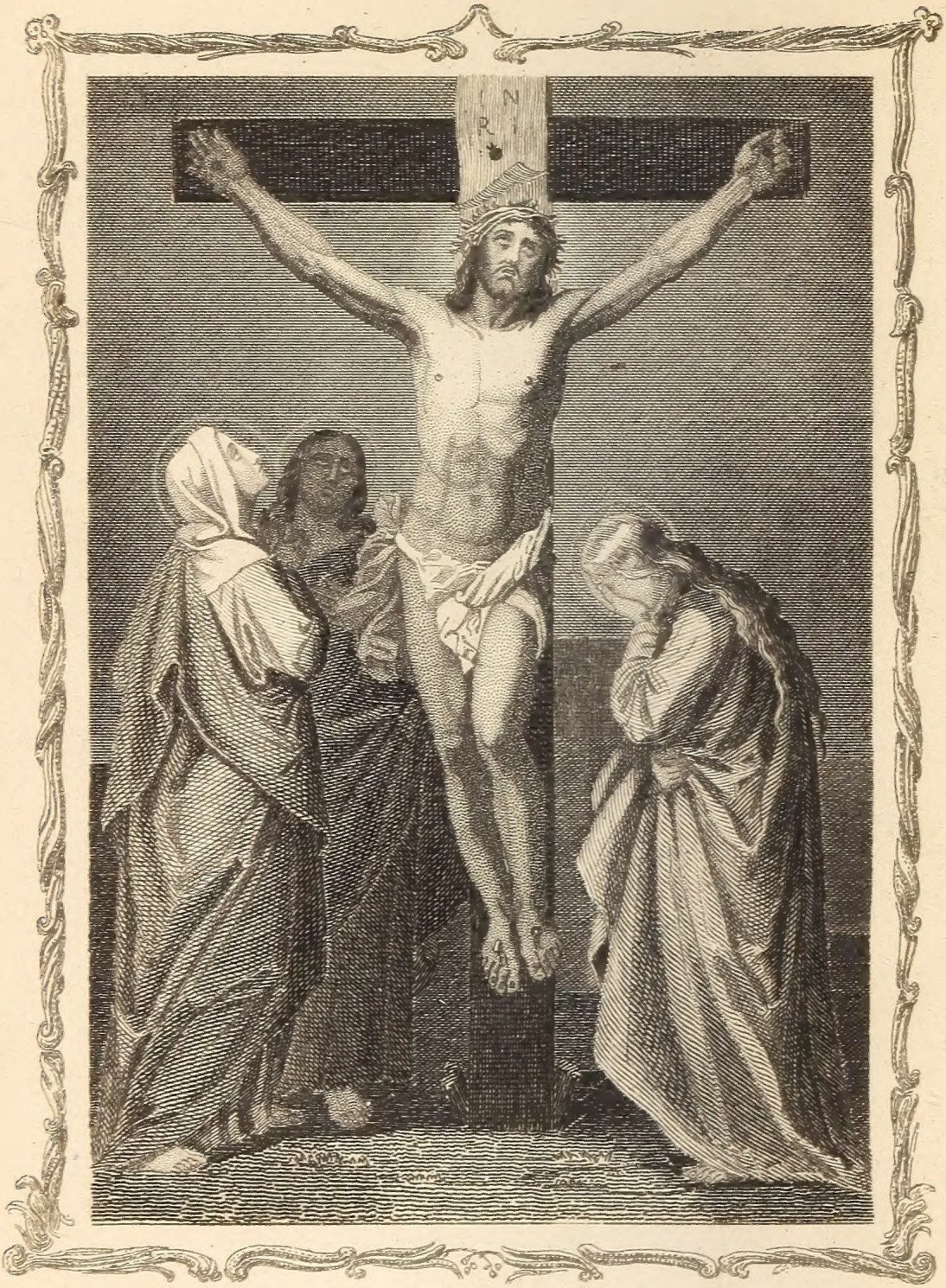

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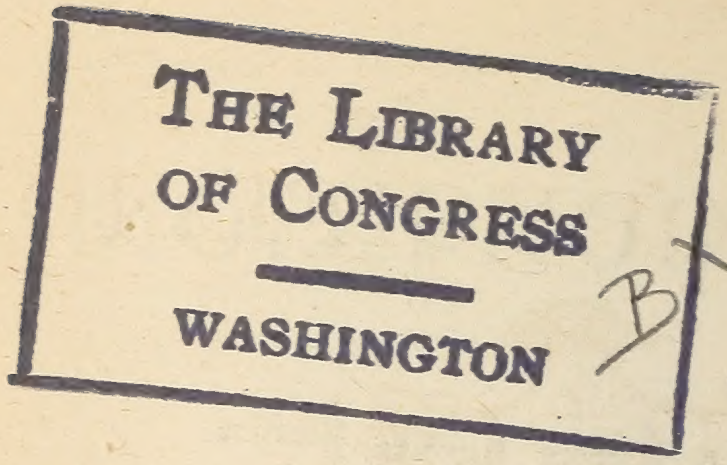

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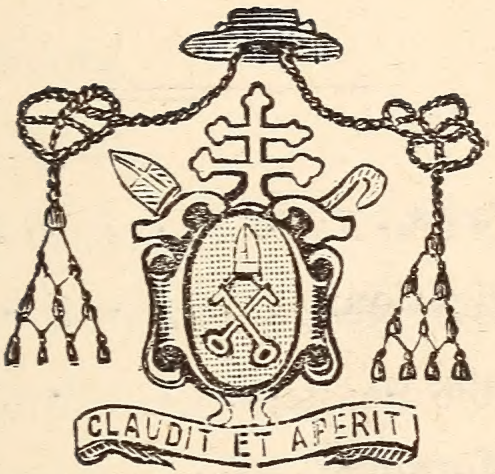

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The Epiphany, Jan. 6.*

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin, March 25.*

Ascension of our Lord.

Corpus Christi, or the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament.*

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, August 15.

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* In the dioceses of *New Orleans*, *St. Louis*, *Mobile*, *Vincennes*, *Dubuque*, *Little Rock*, and *Chicago*, the Circumcision, Epiphany, Annunciation, and Corpus Christi, are not festivals of obligation.

Feast of All Saints, November 1.

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Dec. 8.

Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, Dec. 25.

FASTING-DAYS ON ONE MEAL.

All days in Lent, except Sundays.

The eve of Whitsuntide.

The Quarter-Tenses, or Ember-days, which occur in the four seasons of the year, viz.: the Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays—1. Immediately after the first Sunday in Lent; 2. In Whitsun-week; 3. Immediately after the 14th of September; 4. Immediately after the third Sunday of Advent.

The Vigil of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Vigil of All Saints.

Every Friday in Advent, and Christmas-Eve.

N. B.—When a fasting-day falls upon Sunday, the fast is observed on the Saturday preceding that Sunday.

DAYS OF ABSTINENCE FROM FLESH-MEAT.

All the Sundays in Lent, except when the use of meat is allowed by the Archbishop or Bishop of the Diocese.

All Fridays and Saturdays throughout the year.*

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*The abstinence on Saturdays is dispensed with, for the faithful throughout the United States, for the space of twenty years from 1860, except when a fast falls

If Christmas-day falls upon a Friday or Saturday, neither fast nor abstinence is observed.

DUTIES OF OBLIGATION.

1. The Catholic Church commands all her children to be present at the great Eucharistic Sacrifice which we call the Mass; and to rest from servile work on Sundays and Holy days.

2. To abstain from flesh on all the days of fasting and abstinence, and on fasting days to eat but one meal.

3. To confess their sins at least once a year.

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on Saturday. Hence, the Saturdays of Lent, and Quarter-Tenses, and Vigils falling on Saturday, are still days of *abstinence* from *flesh-meat*.

4. To receive the Blessed Sacrament at least once a year, and that at Easter. (The time appointed for complying with the Easter duty begins on the first Sunday of Lent, and terminates on Trinity Sunday. They who, without some reasonable cause, neglect this important duty, are liable to be excommunicated whilst living, and, when they die, to be deprived of Christian burial, according to the Fourth Council of Lateran, Can. 21.)

TABLE

OF

MOVABLE FEASTS.

Year of our Lord.	Dominical Letter.	Golden Number.	The Epact.	Septuagesima Sunday.	Ash Wednesday.	Easter Sunday.
1872	g f	11	20	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	March 31
1873	e	12	1	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	April 13
1874	d	13	12	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	April 5
1875	c	14	23	Jan. 24	Feb. 10	March 28
1876	b A	15	4	Feb. 13	March 1	April 16
1877	g	16	15	Jan. 28	Feb. 14	April 1
1878	f	17	26	Feb. 17	March 6	April 21
1879	e	18	7	Feb. 9	Feb. 26	April 13
1880	d c	19	18	Jan. 25	Feb. 11	March 28
1881	b	1		Feb. 13	March 2	April 17
1882	A	2	11	Feb. 5	Feb. 22	April 9
1883	g	3	22	Jan. 21	Feb. 7	March 25
1884	f e	4	3	Feb. 10	Feb. 27	April 13
1885	d	5	14	Feb. 1	Feb. 18	April 5
1886	c	6	25	Feb. 21	March 10	April 25
1887	b	7	6	Feb. 6	Feb. 23	April 10
1888	A g	8	17	Jan. 29	Feb. 15	April 1
1889	f	9	28	Feb. 17	March 6	April 21
1890	e	10	9	Feb. 2	Feb. 19	April 6
1891	d	11	20	Jan. 25	Feb. 11	March 29
1892	c b	12	1	Feb. 14	March 2	April 17
1893	A	13	12	Jan. 29	Feb. 15	April 2
1894	g	14	23	Jan. 21	Feb. 7	March 25
1895	f	15	4	Feb. 10	Feb. 27	April 14
1896	e d	16	15	Feb. 2	Feb. 19	April 5
1897	c	17	26	Feb. 14	March 3	April 18
1898	b	18	7	Feb. 6	Feb. 23	April 10
1899	A	19	18	Jan. 26	Feb. 15	April 2
1900	g	1	29	Feb. 11	Feb. 28	April 15
1901	f	2	10	Feb. 3	Feb. 20	April 7
1902	e	3	21	Jan. 26	Feb. 12	March 30
1903	d	4	2	Feb. 8	Feb. 25	April 12
1904	c b	5	13	Jan. 31	Feb. 17	April 4
1905	A	6	24	Feb. 19	March 8	April 23
1906	g	7	5	Feb. 11	Feb. 28	April 15

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OF

MOVABLE FEASTS.

Year of our Lord.	Ascension Day.	Whitsunday.	Corpus Christi.	Sundays after Pentecost	First Sunday of Advent.
1872	May 9	May 19	May 30	27	Dec. 1
1873	May 22	June 1	June 12	25	Nov. 30
1874	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29
1875	May 6	May 16	May 27	27	Nov. 28
1876	May 25	June 4	June 15	25	Dec. 3
1877	May 10	May 20	May 31	27	Dec. 2
1878	May 30	June 9	June 20	24	Dec. 1
1879	May 22	June 1	June 12	25	Nov. 30
1880	May 6	May 16	May 27	27	Nov. 28
1881	May 26	June 5	June 16	24	Nov. 27
1882	May 18	May 28	June 8	26	Dec. 3
1883	May 3	May 13	May 24	28	Dec. 2
1884	May 22	June 1	June 12	25	Nov. 30
1885	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29
1886	June 3	June 13	June 24	23	Nov. 28
1887	May 19	May 29	June 9	25	Nov. 27
1888	May 10	May 20	May 31	27	Dec. 2
1889	May 30	June 9	June 20	24	Dec. 1
1890	May 15	May 25	June 5	26	Nov. 30
1891	May 7	May 17	May 28	27	Nov. 29
1892	May 26	June 5	June 16	24	Nov. 27
1893	May 11	May 21	June 1	27	Dec. 3
1894	May 3	May 13	May 24	28	Dec. 2
1895	May 23	June 2	June 13	25	Dec. 1
1896	May 14	May 24	June 4	26	Nov. 29
1897	May 27	June 6	June 17	24	Nov. 28
1898	May 19	May 29	June 9	25	Nov. 27
1899	May 11	May 21	June 1	27	Dec. 3
1900	May 24	June 3	June 14	25	Dec. 2
1901	May 16	May 26	June 6	26	Dec. 1
1902	May 8	May 18	May 29	27	Nov. 30
1903	May 21	May 31	June 11	25	Nov. 29
1904	May 13	May 23	June 3	26	Nov. 28
1905	June 1	June 11	June 22	24	Dec. 3
1906	May 24	June 3	June 14	25	Dec. 2

PRAYERS FOR MORNING.

MORNING Prayer is a duty which God requires as the first-fruits of the day; most religiously then should it be

consecrated to him. The success of our actions for the rest of the day depends in a great measure upon this first duty. To begin the day without imploring God's grace, and thanking him sincerely for the repose of the night, is certainly to expose ourselves to infinite danger.

But, before your prayer, recollect yourself a moment: think what you yourself are, and what that God is to whom you are going to speak. You will thus conceive the importance of the action, and the sentiments of humility, of regret for your faults, of attention, respect, fervor, love, and confidence, with which you should address him.

At Waking in the morning, say:

MY God, my only good, the author of my being, and my last end, I give thee my heart. Praise, honor, and glory be to thee forever and ever. Amen.

At Rising up, say:

✠IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

I will raise myself up from this bed of sleep, to adore my God, and to labor for the salvation of my soul. O, may I rise on the last day, to life everlasting!

While clothing yourself, say:

O MY God, clothe my soul with the nuptial robe of charity, and grant that I may wear it pure and undefiled before thy judgment-seat.

When clothed, kneel down and say:

IN the name of the Father, &c., Amen. Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen. Come, O Holy Ghost, replenish my heart, and enkindle in it the fire of thy divine love. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; Thy Kingdom come; thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Angelical Salutation.

HAIL, Mary, full of grace; the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women; and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.—Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into Hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into Heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty: from thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints; the Forgiveness of sins; the Resurrection of the Body; and life everlasting. Amen.

THE CONFITEOR; OR GENERAL CONFESSION.

I CONFESS to Almighty God, to the blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word, and deed, *through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault.* Therefore I beseech the blessed Mary ever Virgin, blessed Michael the archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the Saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God have

mercy on me, forgive me my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

May the Almighty and most merciful Lord grant me pardon, absolution and remission of all my sins. Amen.

ACTS OF CONTRITION, FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY.

Pope Benedict XIV. granted by a decree of the S. Congr. of Indulgences, dated Jan. 28, 1756, confirming the grant of Indulgences already made to this effect by Pope Benedict XIII., Jan. 15, 1728:

I. THE PLENARY INDULGENCE once a month to all those who shall daily devoutly recite, and

at the same time make with their hearts the acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity. This Indulgence may be gained on any day, when, truly penitent for their sins, having Confessed and Communicated, they shall pray for the Church, our Holy Mother, &c.

He granted likewise, *in articulo mortis:*

II. THE PLENARY INDULGENCE and the INDULGENCE OF SEVEN YEARS AND SEVEN QUARANTINES every time they shall make these acts devoutly in their hearts, and say them with their lips.

A Prayer before the Acts.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, grant unto us an increase of faith, hope, and

charity. And that we may obtain what thou hast promised, make us love what thou commandest, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

An Act of Contrition.

O MY God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee, and I detest my sins most sincerely, because they displease thee, my God, who art so deserving of all my love, for thy infinite goodness and most amiable perfections; and I firmly purpose, by thy holy grace, never more to offend thee.

An Act of Faith.

O MY God, I firmly believe that thou art one only God, the Creator and sovereign

Lord of heaven and earth, infinitely great and infinitely good. I firmly believe that in thee, one only God, there are three divine persons, really distinct and equal in all things, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: I firmly believe that Jesus Christ, God the Son, became man; that he was conceived by the Holy Ghost, and was born of the Virgin Mary, that he suffered and died on a cross to redeem and save us, that he arose the third day from the dead; that he ascended into heaven; that he will come at the end of the world to judge mankind; and that he will reward the good with eternal happiness, and condemn the wicked to the everlasting pains of hell. I believe

these and all other articles, which the holy Roman Catholic Church proposes to our belief, because thou, my God, the infallible truth, hast revealed them; and thou hast commanded us to hear the Church, *which is the pillar and the ground of truth*; in this faith I am firmly resolved, by thy holy grace, to live and die. *Matt.* xviii. 17, and 1 *Tim.* iii. 15.

An Act of Hope.

O MY God, who hast graciously promised every blessing, even heaven itself, through Jesus Christ, to those who keep thy commandments—relying on thy infinite power, goodness, and mercy, and on thy sacred promises, to which thou art always

faithful; I confidently hope to obtain pardon of all my sins; grace to serve thee faithfully in this life, by doing the good works thou hast commanded, and which, with thy assistance, I now purpose to perform; and eternal happiness in the next, through my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

An Act of Charity, or an Act of the Love of God and of our Neighbor.

O MY God, I love thee with my whole heart and soul, and above all things; because thou art infinitely good and perfect, and most worthy of all my love; and for thy sake, I love my neighbor as myself. Mercifully grant, O my God, that hav-

ing loved thee on earth, I may love and enjoy thee forever in heaven. Amen.

A Prayer for Perseverance in Goodness.

GRANT, O my Lord Jesus Christ, that I may persevere in good purposes, and in thy holy service, to my death; and that I may this day perfectly begin, for all I have hitherto done is nothing. Amen.

A Prayer to your Angel Guardian.

ANGEL of God, to whose care I am committed by the supreme clemency, illuminate, defend, and govern me

this day in all my thoughts, words, and actions. Amen.

Bless us, O Lord, and preserve us from all evil, and bring us to eternal life; and may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

The "Angelus Domini."

By a universal Brief, *Injuncta nobis*, of Sept. 14th, 1724, Pope Benedict XIII. granted to all Christians who, at the sound of the bell, or if the faithful happen to be sojourning where there is no such bell, at the hours specified or thereabouts, viz.: morning, noon, and even, at sunset, shall say on their knees daily the *Angelus Domini*, &c., with three *Ave Marias:*

I. THE PLENARY INDULGENCE and remission of all sins, once a month, on any one day, when, after Confession and Communion, they should pray for the Holy Church, &c.

* II. THE INDULGENCE OF 100 DAYS, every time that, being truly penitent, they say the *Angelus Domini* as above.

THE Angel of the Lord declared to Mary,* and she conceived by the Holy Ghost. Hail Mary, &c. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:* be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail Mary, &c. And the

Word was made flesh,* and dwelt amongst us. Hail Mary, &c.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Prayer.

POUR forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

LITANY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS.

(Form to which an indulgence of three hundred days was granted by Pope Pius IX., who suppressed all other forms.)

ORD, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Jesus, hear us.
Jesus, graciously hear us.

Father of the heavens, God,
Son, Redeemer of the world, God,
Holy Spirit, God,
Holy Trinity, One God,
Jesus, Son of the living God,
Jesus, splendor of the Father,

Have mercy on us!

Jesus, brightness of the eternal light,
Jesus, king of glory,
Jesus, son of justice,
Jesus, son of the Virgin Mary,
Jesus, amiable,
Jesus, admirable,
Jesus, powerful God,
Jesus, father of the world to come,
Jesus, angel of the great council,
Jesus, most powerful,
Jesus, most patient,
Jesus, most obedient,
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,
Jesus, lover of chastity,
Jesus, lover of us,
Jesus, God of peace,

Have mercy on us!

Jesus, author of life,
Jesus, model of virtues,
Jesus, zealous for souls,
Jesus, our God,
Jesus, our refuge,
Jesus, father of the poor,
Jesus, treasure of the faithful,
Jesus, good shepherd,
Jesus, true light,
Jesus, eternal wisdom,
Jesus, infinite goodness,
Jesus, our way and our life,
Jesus, joy of angels,
Jesus, king of the patriarchs,
Jesus, master of the apostles,
Jesus, teacher of the evangelists,
Jesus, strength of martyrs,
Jesus, light of confessors,
Jesus, purity of virgins,
Jesus, crown of all saints,

Have mercy on us!

Be merciful, *Spare us, O Jesus.*
Be merciful, *Hear us, O Jesus.*

From all evil,
From all sin,
From thy wrath,
From the snares of the devil,
From the spirit of fornication,
From eternal death,
From a neglect of thy inspirations,
By the mystery of thy holy incarnation,
By thy nativity,
By thy infancy,
By thy most divine life
By thy labors,
By thy agony and passion,
By thy cross and dereliction,
By thy languors,
By thy death and burial,

Deliver us, O Jesus!

By thy resurrection.
By thy ascension,
By thy joys,
By thy glory,
} *Deliver us, O Jesus!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Jesus!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Jesus!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us, O Jesus!*

Jesus, hear us.

Jesus, graciously hear us.

Let us pray.

O LORD Jesus Christ, who hast said, *Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be open-*

ed unto you ; mercifully attend to our supplication, and grant us the gift of thy divine charity, that we may ever love thee with our whole heart, and never desist from thy praise.

O JESUS ! grant us a perpetual fear and love of thy holy name, as thou never ceasest to direct and govern by thy providence those whom thou dost instruct in the solidity of thy love.

DEVOTIONS FOR EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK.

A holy and ancient practice amongst the faithful has consecrated every day in the week to some particular devotion. It is with this spirit that a prayer is here set down for each of these days.

SUNDAY.

A Prayer to the most Holy Trinity.

GLORY be to the Father, who, by his power, hath brought us forth from nothing, and created us to his own likeness. Glory be to the Son, who by his wisdom hath delivered us from Hell, and opened Heaven for us. Glory be to the Holy Ghost, who, by his mercy, hath sanctified us in baptism, and still continues to sanctify us by the graces which we every day receive from him. Glory, honor, and praise be to the three persons of the most holy and undivi-

ded Trinity, now and forever. We adore thee, O Holy Trinity! we worship thee; we most humbly give thee thanks for having revealed to us this glorious, this incomprehensible mystery; and for granting to those who shall persevere until death in the faithful profession of it, the reward of beholding and enjoying in Heaven, what we now believe and adore upon Earth—One God in Three Persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

MONDAY.

A Prayer to the Holy Ghost.

SANCTIFIER of our souls! thou Spirit of love and truth! We adore thee as the principle of our eter-

nal happiness; we thank thee as the dispenser of all heavenly favors; and we invoke thee as the source of that light and strength, by which alone we can know what is good, and be enabled to practise it. Enlighten our understandings, fortify our wills, purify our hearts, regulate our movements, and make us attentive to all thy inspirations. Pardon us, thou Spirit of Grace and Mercy! pardon us our constant infidelities, and the shameful insensibility with which we have so often resisted the most touching impulses of grace. We are at length resolved to be no longer rebellious to it: but to obey it with such docility, that we may taste those fruits, and enjoy those

beatitudes, which thy sacred gifts can produce in our souls.

TUESDAY.

A Prayer to our Guardian Angel.

HOLY Angel, to whose care God in his mercy hath committed me, I return thee now my most sincere and humble thanks; I conjure thee, O amiable Guide, to continue still thy care; to defend me against my enemies; to remove from me the occasions of sin; to obtain for me a constant docility to divine inspirations; to protect me, in particular, at the hour of my death; and then to conduct me to the mansions of eternal repose, where, in thy blessed

society, I may praise our Creator forever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY.

A Prayer to St. Joseph.

O FAITHFUL servant, whom God had charged with the care of his family; thou whom he had established the guardian and protector of the life of Jesus, the consoler and support of his Mother, and his own faithful Associate in the great affair of our Redemption; thou who hadst the happiness to live with Jesus and Mary, and to expire in their arms. Chaste Spouse of the Mother of God! thou model of pure, humble, and interior souls! be touched with the confidence we have in thee;

and graciously accept these testimonies of our devotion. We return God thanks for the favors he hath bestowed on thee; and we beg, through thy intercession, that we may imitate thy virtues. Pray for us, then, O glorious Saint; and by that love thou always hadst for Jesus and for Mary, and which Jesus and Mary had also for thee, obtain always for us the incomparable advantage of living faithful to Jesus, and of dying in his love. Amen.

THURSDAY.

A Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

SWEET and adorable Jesus, who, in the excess of thy love, art pleased to

dwell with us in the Sacrament of the Altar; I here acknowledge that thou art my Sovereign and my God: I adore thee with the most profound humility; I thank thee with all my heart, for the tenderness thou here showest me, in spite of the treatment thou receivest. Pierced with the sincerest grief, at the sight of my ingratitude, I come, O God of Majesty, to make thee some poor amends, for all the sacrileges and the impiety which were ever committed or ever shall be committed against this adorable Sacrament. Why cannot I, O God, sufficiently testify my own regret, for having so often appeared before thee with indifference, and for having approached thee with

so little fervor, and so little love? Forget, O Lord, my iniquities, that thou mayest remember only thy own infinite mercies. Deign to accept the desire I have of honoring thee in the adorable Sacrament. Yes, I wish with all my heart to love thee, to bless, to praise, and adore thee here, as fervently as the saints and angels adore thee: and I conjure thee, by this sacred Body, and by this most precious Blood, that I may henceforth honor thee so fervently, and receive thee so worthily, that after this life, I may praise thee forever with thy Saints in Heaven. Amen.

FRIDAY.

A Prayer to Jesus suffering.

SPOTLESS Lamb! O Innocent Victim! who by thy Death and Blood hast effaced the sins of mankind, blot out my iniquities, and do not permit that thy sufferings should become useless to me. O Jesus, humbled, sorrowful, desolate, and resigned to death! help me to receive, with a resignation like thine, whatever afflictions thou shalt please to send me. O Jesus, calumniated, accused, despised, teach me to look down with indifference on the judgments of men, and to suffer with patience the most provoking injuries. O Jesus, torn with stripes, pierced with thorns, weltering in blood

for my sake, teach me to endure, for love of thee, the anguish and inconvenience of ill health, misery, or afflictions. O Jesus, abandoned to executioners, shamefully condemned to a cross, enable me to fly all vain-glory, and patiently to endure the most humbling contradictions. O Jesus, sinking under the weight of thy cross, I unite myself to thee, and my crosses also to thine—grant me grace to bear them with patience and resignation. O Jesus, raised up on thy cross, draw me now powerfully to thee: thou art expiring for my sake, O let me never live but for thine; that being henceforth crucified with thee, my whole occupation may be to love and to adore thee incessantly. Amen.

SATURDAY.

A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin.

BLESSED Virgin, Mother of God! and by this august quality, worthy of all respect from men and angels, I come to offer thee my most humble homage, and to implore the aid of thy prayers and protection. Thy intercession is most powerful, and thy goodness for mankind on earth, is equal to thy influence in Heaven. Thou knowest, O blessed Virgin! that I look up to thee as my Mother, my Patroness, my Advocate: I acknowledge with humble gratitude that thy virtues singled thee out for the mother of my Redeemer. I will henceforth honor and serve thee assi-

duously. Accept, O blessed Virgin, my protestations of fidelity; look favorably on the confidence I have in thee; obtain for me of thy dear Son, a lively faith, a firm hope, a tender, generous, and constant love. Obtain for me a cautious purity, a sincere humility, a placid resignation to the will of God, and so faithful an imitation of thy virtues through life, that I may exult in thy patronage at the hour of my death. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR NIGHT.

IN the name of the Father, &c. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, I believe in God.

Blessed be the holy and undivided Trinity, now, and forever. Amen.

O ETERNAL, infinite, and Almighty God! whose glory the heaven of heavens cannot contain, look down on thy unworthy servant, prostrate at the feet of thy mercy, and humbly confessing to thee, in the sight of all thy holy angels and blessed saints, the sinfulness and vanity of my life, but especially the transgressions of this day, by

which I have so grievously wounded my own soul.

I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary, ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John the Baptist, to the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and to all the saints, that I have grievously sinned in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my exceeding great fault.

Here examine diligently what sins you may have fallen into this day, by thought, word, deed, or omission, and humbly confessing them, proceed thus:

OF these, and all my other sins, I most sincerely repent, and am heartily sorry

for every thought, word, and deed, by which I have displeased the eyes of thy glory, and provoked thy wrath and indignation against me: especially for my disobedience to so holy a law, and extreme ingratitude to so gracious and bountiful a God. I acknowledge, O Lord, that I have not merited the least of thy mercies, but rather deserve the greatest of thy judgments; but as thou hast revealed thyself to be a God of pity and compassion, forgiving the iniquities of such as truly repent, and absolving all those that voluntarily condemn themselves, wherefore, with a penitent and contrite heart, I freely confess the guiltiness of my own conscience, and humbly

offer these prayers, &c., to thee, for my penance.

Say some Prayers, or do some other pious Act, for your Penance; then proceed thus:

BUT since my unworthiness and many imperfections most justly discourage me from presuming on my own performances, and the richness of thy mercy has provided for us a multitude of acceptable intercessors; therefore I beseech the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed John Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

May Almighty God have mercy on me, and forgiving me my sins, bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant me pardon, absolution, and remission of all my sins. Amen.

And now, O most gracious and liberal Benefactor, I praise and magnify thy holy name for thy great and innumerable benefits, proceeding purely from thy bounty, and intended wholly for my good; particularly for preserving me this day in the midst of so many dangers incident to my condition, and delivering me from so many calamities and miseries as are due to my sins.

Thou art my Creator, O my God, and kind Protector; thou art the ultimate end of my being, and supreme perfection of my nature. Under the shadow of thy wings is perpetual repose, and from the light of thy countenance flow eternal joy and felicity. To thee be glory and honor, to thee adoration and obedience, from all thy creatures forever. Amen.

And since thou hast ordained the day to labor, and the night to take our rest, as I praise thee for the blessings of this day past, so I implore thy protection this night to come. Let the eyes of thy providence watch over me, and thy holy angels pitch their tents about me; that being safely delivered from all dangers,

and comfortably refreshed with moderate sleep, I may the better be enabled to perform the employments of my calling and state of life, and faithfully persevere in the discharge of the duties of thy service; and so daily advance to new victories over my passions, and to a more perfect observance of thy commandments; till, having passed my days in thy fear, I may end them in thy favor, and rejoice with thee forever in thy heavenly kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Saviour, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

Say the Acts, as in page 21.

LITANY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

COMMONLY CALLED "THE LITANY OF LORETTO."

(If recited daily, a plenary indulgence on the Feasts of the Immaculate Conception, Nativity, Annunciation, Purification, and Assumption. A partial indulgence of 300 days each time it is recited.)

ORD have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.

God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
God the Holy Ghost,
Holy Trinity, one God,
} *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of Virgins,
Mother of Christ,
Mother of divine grace,
Mother most pure,
Mother most chaste,
Mother inviolate,
Mother undefiled,
Mother most amiable,
Mother most admirable,
Mother of our Creator,
Mother of our Saviour,
Virgin most prudent,
Virgin most venerable,
Virgin most renowned,
Virgin most powerful,
Virgin most merciful,
Virgin most faithful,
Mirror of justice,
Seat of Wisdom,

Pray for us.

Cause of our joy,
Spiritual Vessel,
Vessel of honor,
Singular Vessel of devotion,
Mystical Rose,
Tower of David,
Tower of ivory,
House of gold,
Ark of the covenant,
Gate of heaven,
Morning star,
Health of the sick,
Refuge of sinners,
Comforter of the afflicted,
Help of Christians,
Queen of Angels,
Queen of Patriarchs,
Queen of Prophets,
Queen of Apostles,
Queen of Martyrs,

Pray for us.

Queen of Confessors,
Queen of Virgins,
Queen of all Saints,
Queen conceived without original sin,
} *Pray for us.*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world
Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.
Christ hear us.
Christ graciously hear us.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

POUR down, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our souls; that as we have known the incarnation of Christ Thy Son by the message of an angel, so by His Passion and Cross we may be brought to the glory of the resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. May the divine assistance remain always with us.

R. Amen.

A Prayer to your Guardian Angel.

O ANGEL of God, to whose holy care I am committed by the supreme clemency, enlighten, defend, and protect me

this night from all sin and danger. Amen.

The Blessing.

O GOD the Father bless me; Jesus Christ defend and keep me; the virtue of the Holy Ghost enlighten and sanctify me this night and forever. Amen.

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Lord Jesus, receive my soul.

When you go to Bed, say,

IN the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, crucified, I lay me down to rest! bless me, O Lord, defend and govern me, and after this short and miserable pilgrimage, bring me to everlasting happiness. Amen.

Anth. Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents; neither take thou vengeance of our sins.

Psalm vi.

LORD, rebuke me not in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am weak: heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

And my soul is troubled exceedingly; but thou, O Lord, how long?

Turn to me, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for thy mercy's sake.

For there is no one in death that is mindful of thee: and who shall confess to thee in hell?

I have labored in my groanings; every night will I wash my bed: I will water my couch with my tears.

My eye is troubled through indignation: I have grown old amongst all my enemies.

Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity, for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord hath received my prayer.

Let all my enemies be ashamed, and be very much troubled; let

them be turned back and be ashamed very speedily.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm xxxi.

BLESSED are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord hath not imputed sin, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

Because I was silent my bones grew old; whilst I cried out all the day long.

For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me; I am turned in my anguish, whilst the thorn is fastened.

I have acknowledged my sins

to thee, and my injustice I have not concealed.

I said I will confess against myself my injustice to the Lord; and that thou hast forgiven the wickedness of my sin.

For this shall every one that is holy pray to thee, in a seasonable time.

And yet in a flood of many waters, they shall not come nigh unto him.

Thou art my refuge from the trouble which hath encompassed me: my joy, deliver me from them that surround me.

I will give thee understanding, and I will instruct thee in the way in which thou shalt go: I will fix my eyes upon thee.

Do not become like the horse

and the mule, who have no understanding.

With bit and bridle bind fast their jaws, who come not near unto thee.

Many are the scourges of the sinner, but mercy shall encompass him that hopeth in the Lord.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye just: and glory, all ye right of heart.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm xxxvii.

REBUKE me not, O Lord, in thy indignation, nor chastise me in thy wrath.

For thy arrows are fastened in me, and thy hand hath been strong upon me.

There is no health in my flesh, because of thy wrath: there is no peace for my bones, because of my sins.

For my iniquities are gone over my head; and, as a heavy burden, are become heavy upon me.

My sores are putrified and corrupted, because of my foolishness.

I am become miserable, and am bowed down even to the end: I walked sorrowful all day long.

For my loins are filled with illusions: and there is no health in my flesh.

I am afflicted and humbled exceedingly; I roared with the groaning of my heart.

Lord, all my desire is before thee, and my groaning is not hid from thee.

My heart is troubled, my strength hath left me, and the light of my eyes itself is not with me.

My friends and my neighbors have drawn near and stood against me.

And they that were near me stood afar off: and they that sought my soul used violence.

And they that sought evils to me spoke vain things, and studied deceits all the day long.

But I, as a deaf man, heard not: and was as a dumb man not opening his mouth.

And I became as a man that heareth not: and that hath no reproofs in his mouth.

For in thee, O Lord, have I hoped: thou wilt hear me, O Lord my God.

For I said, lest at any time my enemies rejoice over me, and whilst my feet are moved, they speak great things against me.

For I am ready for scourges, and my sorrow is continually before me.

For I will declare my iniquity: and I will think for my sin.

But my enemies live, and are stronger than I: and they that hate me wrongfully are multiplied.

They that render evil for good, have detracted me, because I followed goodness.

Forsake me not, O Lord my God: do not thou depart from me.

Attend unto my help, O Lord, the God of my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm li.

HAVE mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy.

And according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my iniquity.

Wash me yet more from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my iniquity, and my sin is always before me.

To thee only have I sinned, and have done evil before thee: that thou mayest be justified in thy words, and mayest overcome when thou art judged.

For behold I was conceived in iniquities: and in sins did my mother conceive me.

For behold thou hast loved

truth: the uncertain and hidden things of thy wisdom thou hast made manifest to me.

Thou shalt sprinkle me with hyssop, and I shall be cleansed: thou shalt wash me, and I shall be made whiter than snow.

To my hearing thou shalt give joy and gladness; and the bones that have been humbled shall rejoice.

Turn away thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Create a clean heart in me, O God: and renew a right spirit within my bowels.

Cast me not away from thy face: and take not thy holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy

salvation, and strengthen me with a perfect spirit.

I will teach the unjust thy ways: and the wicked shall be converted to thee.

Deliver me from blood, O God, thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall extol thy justice.

O Lord, thou wilt open my lips: and my mouth shall declare thy praise.

For if thou hadst desired sacrifice, I would indeed have given it: with burnt-offerings thou wilt not be delighted.

A sacrifice to God is an afflicted spirit: a contrite and humbled heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Deal favorably, O Lord, in thy good will with Sion: that the walls of Jerusalem may be built up.

Then shalt thou accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations and whole burnt-offerings; then shall they lay calves upon thy altars.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm ci.

HEAR, O Lord, my prayer, and let my cry come to thee.

Turn not away thy face from me: in the day when I am in trouble, incline thy ear to me.

In what day soever I shall call upon thee, hear me speedily.

For my days are vanished like smoke; and my bones are grown dry, like fuel for the fire.

I am smitten as grass, and my heart is withered: because I forgot to eat my bread.

Through the voice of my groaning, my bone hath cleaved to my flesh.

I am become like to a pelican of the wilderness: I am like a night-raven in the house.

I have watched, and am become as a sparrow, all alone on the house-top.

All the day long my enemies reproached me: and they that praised me did swear against me.

For I did eat ashes like bread, and mingled my drink with weeping.

Because of thy anger and indignation: for having lifted me up, thou hast thrown me down.

My days have declined like a shadow, and I am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, endurest forever: and thy memorial to all generations.

Thou shalt arise and have mercy on Sion, for it is time to have mercy on it, for the time is come.

For the stones thereof have pleased thy servants: and they shall have pity on the earth thereof.

And the Gentiles shall fear thy name, O Lord: and all the kings of the earth thy glory.

For the Lord hath built up Sion: and he shall be seen in his glory.

He hath had regard to the prayer of the humble: and he hath not despised their petition.

Let these things be written unto another generation; and the

people that shall be created shall praise the Lord.

Because he hath looked forth from his high sanctuary: from heaven the Lord hath looked upon the earth.

That he might hear the groans of them that are in fetters: that he might release the children of the slain.

That they may declare the name of the Lord in Sion; and his praise in Jerusalem.

When the people assembled together, and kings to serve the Lord.

He answered him in the way of his strength: declare unto me the fewness of my days.

Call me not away in the midst of my days; thy years are unto generation and generation.

In the beginning, O Lord, thou foundedst the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands.

They shall perish, but thou remainest: and all of them shall grow old, like a garment.

And as a vesture thou shalt change them, and they shall be changed: but thou art always the self-same, and thy years shall not fail.

The children of thy servants shall continue; and their seed shall be directed forever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm cxxix.

OUT of the depths I have cried to thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

Let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If thou, O Lord, wilt mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand it?

For with thee there is merciful forgiveness: and by reason of thy law, I have waited for thee, O Lord.

My soul hath relied on his word: my soul hath hoped in the Lord.

From the morning watch, even until night, let Israel hope in the Lord.

Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with him plentiful redemption.

And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Psalm cxlii.

HEAR, O Lord, my prayer: give ear to my supplication in thy truth: hear me in thy justice.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant: for in thy sight no man living shall be justified.

For the enemy hath persecuted my soul: he hath brought down my life to the earth.

He hath made me to dwell in darkness, as those that have been dead of old: and my spirit is in anguish within me: my heart within me is troubled.

I remembered the days of old: I meditated on all thy works: I mused upon the works of thy hands.

I stretched forth my hands to

thee: my soul is as earth without water unto thee.

Hear me speedily, O Lord: my spirit hath fainted away.

Turn not away thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

Cause me to hear thy mercy in the morning, for in thee have I hoped.

Make thy way known to me wherein I should walk: for I have lifted up my soul to thee.

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, to thee have I fled: teach me to do thy will, for thou art my God.

Thy good Spirit shall lead me into the right land; for thy name's sake, O Lord, thou wilt quicken me in thy justice.

Thou wilt bring my soul out of trouble: and in thy mercy thou wilt destroy my enemies.

And thou wilt cut off all them that afflict my soul: for I am thy servant.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Anth. Remember not, O Lord, our offences, nor those of our parents: neither take thou vengeance of our sins.

THE LITANY OF THE SAINTS.

ORD, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

O God, the Father of heaven, *Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *Have mercy upon us.*

O God the Holy Ghost, *Have mercy upon us.*

O Holy Trinity, one God, *Have mercy upon us.*

Holy Mary,
Holy Mother of God,
Holy Virgin of virgins,
St. Michael,

} *Pray for us!*

St. Gabriel,
St. Raphael,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
All ye holy Orders of blessed spirits,
St. John Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. James,
St. John,
St. Thomas,
St. James,
St. Philip,
St. Bartholomew,

Pray for us!

St. Matthew,
St. Simon,
St. Thaddeus,
St. Matthias,
St. Barnaby,
St. Luke,
St. Mark,
St. Martin,
St. Nicholas,
All ye holy disciples of our Lord,
All ye holy Innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Lawrence,
St. Vincent,
SS. Fabian and Sebastian,
SS. John and Paul,
SS. Cosmas and Damian,
SS. Gervase and Protase,
All ye holy Martyrs,
St. Sylvester,

Pray for us!

St. Gregory,
St. Ambrose,
St. Augustin,
St. Jerom,
St. Patrick,
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
All ye holy Doctors,
St. Anthony,
St. Bennet,
St. Bernard,
St. Dominic,
St. Francis,
All ye holy Priests and Levites,
All ye holy Monks and Hermits,
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Agatha,
St. Lucy,
St. Agnes,

Pray for us!

St. Cecily,
St. Catherine,
St. Anastasia,
St. Bridget,
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,
Pray for us!

All ye Men and Women, Saints of God, *Make intercession for us.*

Be merciful unto us, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Be merciful unto us, *Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

From all evil,
From all sin,
From thy wrath,
From sudden and unprovided death,
From the deceits of the devil,
From anger, hatred, and all ill-will,
O Lord, deliver us!

From the spirit of fornication,
From lightning and tempest,
From everlasting death,
Thro' the mystery of thy holy incarnation,
Thro' thy coming,
Thro' thy nativity,
Thro' thy baptism and holy fasting,
Thro' thy cross and passion,
Thro' thy death and burial,
Thro' thy holy resurrection,
Thro' thy admirable ascension,
Thro' the coming of the Holy Ghost the Comforter,
In the day of judgment,
We sinners, *beseech thee to hear us.*

O Lord, deliver us!

That thou spare us,
That thou pardon us,
That thou vouchsafe to bring us to true penance,
That thou vouchsafe to govern and preserve thy holy Church,
That thou vouchsafe to preserve our Apostolic Prelate, and all ecclesiastical orders in holy religion,
That thou vouchsafe to humble the enemies of thy holy Church,
That thou vouchsafe to give peace and true concord to Christian kings and princes,
That thou vouchsafe to grant peace and unity to all Christian people,

We beseech Thee to hear us!

That thou vouchsafe to comfort and keep us in thy holy service,
That thou lift up our minds to heavenly desires,
That thou render eternal good things to our benefactors,
That thou deliver our souls and those of our brethren, kinsfolk, and benefactors, from eternal damnation,

We beseech Thee to hear us!

That thou vouchsafe to give and preserve the fruits of the earth, *We beseech Thee to hear us!*

That thou vouchsafe to give eternal rest to all the faithful departed, *We beseech Thee to hear us!*

That thou vouchsafe graciously to hear us, *We beseech Thee to hear us!*

Son of God, *We beseech Thee to hear us!*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy upon us!*

Christ, hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, &c.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Psalm lxix.

O GOD, come to my assistance: O Lord, make haste to help me.

Let them be confounded and ashamed that seek my soul.

Let them be turned backward, and blush for shame, that desire evils to me.

Let them presently be turned away, blushing for shame that say to me, 'Tis well, 'tis well.

Let all that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; and let such as love thy salvation say always, The Lord be magnified.

But I am needy and poor: O God, help me.

Thou art my helper and deliverer: O Lord, make no delay.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

V. Save thy servants. *R.* Trusting in thee, O my God. *V.* Be unto us, O Lord, a tower of strength. *R.* From the face of the enemy. *V.* Let not the enemy prevail against us. *R.* Nor the son of iniquity have power to hurt us. *V.* O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins. *R.* Nor reward us according to our iniquities.

V. Let us pray for our chief Bishop N.

R. May the Lord preserve him, and prolong his life, and make him blessed on earth: and deliver him not to the will of his enemies.

V. Let us pray for our benefactors.

R. O Lord, for thy name's

sake, vouchsafe to render eternal life to all those by whom we have received good.

V. Let us pray for the faithful departed.

R. Eternal rest give to them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine unto them.

V. May they rest in peace. *R.* Amen.

V. For our absent brethren. *R.* O my God, save thy servants trusting in thee.

V. Send them help, O Lord, from thy holy place.

R. And from Sion protect them.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come to thee.

Let us pray.

GOD, whose property it is always to have mercy, and to spare, receive our petitions, that we and all thy servants, who are bound by the chain of sin, may, by the compassion of thy goodness, mercifully be absolved.

HEAR, we beseech thee, O Lord, the prayer of thy suppliants, and pardon the sins of them that confess to thee, that, of thy bounty, thou mayest grant us pardon and peace

OUT of thy clemency, O Lord, show thy unspeakable mercy to us, that so thou mayest both acquit us of our

sins, and deliver us from the punishment we deserve for them.

O GOD, who by sin art offended, and by penance pacified, mercifully regard the prayers of thy people, who make supplication to thee, and turn away the scourges of thy anger, which we deserve for our sins.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, have mercy on thy servant N., our chief bishop, and direct him, according to thy clemency, in the way of everlasting salvation; that by thy grace he may desire such things as are agreeable to thy will, and perform them with all his strength.

O GOD, from whom are all holy desires, righteous counsels, and just works; give to thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts being disposed to keep thy commandments, and the fear of enemies taken away, the times, through thy protection, may be peaceable.

INFLAME, O Lord, our reins and hearts with the fire of thy Holy Spirit; that we may serve thee with a chaste body, and please thee with a clean heart.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, give to the souls of thy servants departed the remission

of all their sins; that through the help of pious supplications they may obtain that pardon which they have always desired.

PROMPT, we beseech thee, O Lord, our actions, by thy holy inspirations, and carry them on by thy gracious assistance, that every prayer and work of ours may always begin from thee, and by thee be happily ended.

O ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who hast dominion over the living and the dead, and art merciful to all those whom thou foreknowest shall be thine by faith and good works: we humbly beseech thee, that they for whom we have purposed

to offer our prayers, whether this present world still retains them in the flesh, or the next hath already received them divested of their bodies, may, by the intercession of thy saints, and the clemency of thy goodness, obtain pardon and full remission of all their sins: through, &c

R. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come unto thee.

V. May the Almighty and most merciful Lord graciously hear us.

R. Amen.

V. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Prayers before Mass.

THE ACTS OF FAITH, HOPE, AND CHARITY AS IN PAGE 21.

O MERCIFUL Father, who didst so love the world as to give up for our redemption thy beloved Son; who in obedience to thee, and for us sinners, *humbled himself even unto the death of the Cross*, and continues to offer himself daily, by the ministry of his priests, for the living and the dead—we humbly beseech thee, that, penetrated with a lively faith, we may always assist with the utmost devotion and reverence, at the oblation of his most precious body and blood which is made at Mass: and thereby be made par-

takers of the sacrifice which he consummated on Calvary.

In union with thy holy Church and its minister, and invoking the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and all the angels and saints, we now offer the adorable sacrifice of the Mass to thy honor and glory, to acknowledge thy infinite perfections, thy supreme dominion over all thy creatures, our entire subjection to thee, and total dependence on thy gracious providence, and in thanksgiving for all thy benefits; and for the remission of our sins.

We offer it for the propagation of the Catholic faith, for our most holy Father the Pope, for our archbishop (or bishop), and for all the pastors and clergy of

thy holy Church, that they may direct the faithful in the way of salvation, for *the President*, and all that *are* in *high station*, that we may lead quiet and holy lives —for peace and good-will among all states and people—for the necessities of mankind—and particularly for the congregation here present: to obtain all blessings we stand in need of in this life, everlasting happiness in the next—and eternal rest to the faithful departed.

And as Jesus Christ so ordained, when he instituted at his last supper *this wonderful mystery of his power, wisdom, and goodness:* we offer thee this *Mass*, in grateful remembrance of all he has done and suffered for the

love of us, making special commemoration of his bitter passion and death, and of his glorious Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven. Vouchsafe, O Almighty and eternal God (for to thee alone so great a sacrifice is due), graciously to accept it, for these and all other purposes, agreeably to thy holy will. And to render it the more pleasing, we offer it to thee, through the same Jesus Christ, thy beloved Son, our Lord and Saviour, our high Priest and victim; and in the name of the most holy Trinity, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; to whom be honor, praise, and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYERS AT MASS.

The Priest at the Foot of the Altar, beginning, saith,

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IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son, &c. Amen.

Anth. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. To God, who rejoiceth my youth.

JUDGE me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy: from the unjust and deceitful man deliver me.

R. Since thou, O God, art my strength, why hast

thou rejected me? and why do I go sorrowful whilst the enemy afflicteth me?

P. Send forth thy Light and thy Truth: they have conducted and brought me unto thy holy Mount, and into thy Tabernacle.

R. And I will go unto the altar of God: to God who rejoiceth my youth.

P. I will praise thee on the harp, O God, my God: why art thou sorrowful, O my soul; and why dost thou disturb me?

R. Hope in God, for him

will I still praise: he is my God, and the Saviour I look for.

P. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, &c.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

P. I will go unto the altar of God.

R. To God who rejoiceth my youth.

P. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.

P. I confess to Almighty God, &c.

R. May Almighty God be merciful to thee, and, forgiving thee thy sins, bring thee to everlasting life.

P. Amen.

R. I confess to Almighty God, to the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the saints, and to you, Father, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word,

and deed, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I beseech the blessed Mary, ever Virgin, blessed Michael the Archangel, blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and all the saints, and you, O Father, to pray to the Lord our God for me.

P. May Almighty God be merciful unto you, and, forgiving you your sins, bring you to life everlasting.

R. Amen.

P. May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, absolution, and remission of our sins.

R. Amen.

P. O God, thou being turned towards us, wilt enliven us.

R. And thy people will rejoice in thee.

P. Show us, O Lord, thy mercy.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

P. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my cry come unto thee.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

The Priest, going to the Altar, says,

TAKE away from us our iniquities, we beseech thee, O Lord, that we may be worthy to enter with pure minds into the Holy of Holies; through, &c. Amen.

When come up to the Altar, bowing down, he says,

WE beseech thee, O Lord, by the merits of thy saints, whose relics are here, and of all the saints, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins. Amen.

Whilst he reads the Introit, *say,*

LET the name of the Lord be blessed both now and forever. From

the rising to the setting of the sun all praise is due to the name of the Lord. Who is like the Lord our God, who dwells on high, and looks on all that is humble both in heaven and earth? Glory be to the Father, &c.

Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Christ have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.
Lord have mercy on us.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS.

GLORY be to God on high, and on earth peace to men of good will. We praise thee; we bless thee; we adore thee; we glorify thee. We give thee thanks for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Who takest away

the sins of the world, receive our prayers: who sittest at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For thou only art holy. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Jesus Christ, together with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Turning towards the people, the Priest salutes them, saying,

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

Whilst he reads the Collects, *the following may be said:*

WE humbly beseech thee, O Almighty and eternal God, mercifully to give ear to the prayers of thy servant, which he offers to thee in the name of thy Church, and in behalf of us thy people: accept them to the honor of thy name, and the good of our souls, and grant us all those blessings which may any way contribute to our salvation: through, &c. Amen.

Whilst the Priest reads the Epistle, *say,*

BE thou, O Lord, eternally praised and blessed for having communicated thy spirit to the holy prophets and apostles, disclosing to them admirable secrets, redounding to thy glory and our great good. We firmly believe their word, because it is thine. Give us, we beseech thee, the happiness to understand from the Church, by their instructions, what is profita-

ble, and grace to practise the same all our lives.

At the end of the Epistle, *the Clerk answers,* Thanks be to God.

During the Gradual, *or* Tract, *may be said,*

HOW wonderful, O Lord, is thy name through the whole earth! I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Be thou my God and protector; in thee alone I put my trust: O let me never be confounded.

Before the Gospel, *say*,

CLEANSE my heart and my lips, O Almighty God, who didst cleanse the lips of the prophet Isaiah with a burning coal: and vouchsafe, through thy gracious mercy, so to purify me, that I may worthily attend to thy holy gospel: through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the Lord be in my heart, and on my lips, that I may worthily and in a becoming manner attend to his gospel. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. The continuation (or the beginning) of the holy Gospel according to, &c.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

During the Gospel, *say*,

E thou ever adored and praised, O Lord, who, not content to instruct and inform us by thy prophets and apostles, hast even vouchsafed to speak to us

by thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, commanding us by a voice from heaven to hear him; grant us, merciful God, the grace to profit by his divine and heavenly doctrine. All that is written of thee, dread Jesus, in thy Gospel, is truth itself; nothing but wisdom in thy actions: power and goodness in thy miracles: light and instruction in thy words. With thee, sacred Redeemer, are the words of eternal life: to whom shall

we go but to thee, eternal Fountain of Truth? I firmly believe, O God, all thou teachest: give me only grace to practise what thou commandest, and command what thou pleasest.

At the end of the Gospel, *answer,*

R. Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Then add with the Priest, in a low voice,

MAY our sins be blotted out, by the words of the gospel.

THE NICENE CREED.

I BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God; and born of the Father before all ages. God of God; Light of Light; true God of true God; begotten not made; consubstantial to the Father, by whom all things were made. Who for us

men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and became incarnate by the Holy Ghost, of the Virgin Mary, AND WAS MADE MAN.* He was crucified also for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of the Father, and he is to come again with glory to

* At these words the Priest kneels down to adore God for the ineffable Mystery of the Incarnation.

judge both the living and the dead, of whose kingdom there shall be no end.

And in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and give of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who, together with the Father and the Son, is adored and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the remission of sins. And I expect the resurrection of

the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

At the Offertory *say,*

O MY God, I sincerely offer myself and all I have to thee, to do and suffer whatever thou commandest or permittest. Receive my offering, and bear with my weakness, I most humbly beseech thee.

Oblation of the Host.

ACCEPT, O holy Father, Almighty and eternal

God, this unspotted Host, which I thy unworthy servant offer unto thee, my living and true God, for my innumerable sins, offences, and negligences, and for all here present; as also for all faithful Christians, both living and dead; that it may avail both me and them unto life everlasting. Amen.

When the Priest puts the Wine and Water into the Chalice.

O GOD, who in creating human nature, hast

wonderfully dignified it, and still more wonderfully reformed it, grant that by the mystery of this Water and Wine, we may be made partakers of his divine nature, who vouchsafed to become partaker of our human nature, namely, Jesus Christ our Lord, thy Son, who with thee, in the unity of, &c. Amen.

Oblation of the Chalice.

WE offer unto thee, O Lord, the chalice of

salvation, beseeching thy clemency, that it may ascend before thy divine Majesty as a sweet odor, for our salvation, and for that of the whole world. Amen.

When the Priest bows before the Altar

ACCEPT us, O Lord, in the spirit of humility, and contrition of heart, and grant that the sacrifice which we offer this day in thy sight, may be pleasing to thee, O Lord God.

When he blesses the Bread and Wine.

COME, O Almighty and eternal God the sanctifier, and bless this sacrifice, prepared for the glory of thy holy name.

Here he blesses the Incense, saying,

MAY the Lord, by the intercession of the blessed St. Michael, the Archangel standing at the right hand of the Altar of Incense, and of all his elect, vouchsafe to bless this in-

cense, and receive it as an odor of sweetness. Through, &c.

Incensing the Bread and Wine, he says,

MAY this Incense, which thou hast blest, O Lord, ascend to thee, and may thy mercy descend upon us.

Incensing the Altar, he says, Ps. cxi.

LET my prayer, O Lord, ascend like incense in thy sight; and let the lifting up of my hands be as an evening sacrifice. Place,

O Lord, a guard on my mouth, and a gate of prudence before my lips, that my heart may not wander after words of malice, to seek excuses in sin.

Giving the Censer to the Deacon, he says,

MAY the Lord enkindle within us the fire of his love, and flame of everlasting charity. Amen.

Washing his Hands, he says, Ps. xxv. 6.

I WILL wash my hands amongst the innocent:

and will encompass thy altar, O Lord.

That I may hear the voice of praise: and publish all thy marvellous works.

Lord, I have loved the beauty of thy house, and the place of the habitation of thy glory.

Destroy not my soul with the impious; and my life with men of bloody minds.

In whose hands are iniquities; their right hand is filled with bribes.

But I have walked in my innocence: redeem me, and have mercy on me.

My feet have stood in the right path: in the assembly I will bless thee, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Bowing in the midst of the Altar, he says,

RECEIVE, O holy Trinity, this oblation which we make to thee, in memory of the Passion, Resurrection, and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, and

in honor of the blessed Mary ever Virgin, the blessed John the Baptist, the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the Saints; that it may be available to their honor and our salvation, and may they vouchsafe to intercede for us in heaven, whose memory we celebrate on earth. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Turning himself towards the People, he says,

BRETHREN, pray that my sacrifice and yours

may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

R. May the Lord receive the sacrifice from thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, and to our benefit, and that of his entire holy Church.

At the Secret Prayer, *or* Prayers, *say*,

MERCIFULLY hear our prayers, O Lord, and graciously accept this oblation, which we thy servants are making to thee; that as we offer it to the honor of thy name, so it may be

to us here the means of obtaining thy grace, and hereafter eve lasting happiness. Through, &c.

P. World without end.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We have lifted them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

R. It is meet and just.

The common Preface *on Days which have none proper, and in Masses for the Dead.*

IT is truly meet and just, right, and available to salvation, that we should always, and in all places, give thanks to thee, O holy Lord, Father Almighty, eternal God. * Through Christ our Lord: by whom the angels praise thy Majesty, the dominations adore it, the powers tremble before it, the heavens, the heavenly virtues,

and blessed seraphim, with common jubilee glorify it. Together with whom, we beseech thee that we may be admitted to join our humble voices, saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

On Trinity Sunday, *and on all other* Sundays *that have no proper Preface*, Vere Dignum, &c., *as in the preceding Preface, to**.

*WHO, together with thy only-begotten Son and the Holy Ghost, art one God and one Lord: not in singularity of one Person, but in Trinity of one substance. For what we believe of thy glory, as thou hast revealed, the same we believe of thy Son and of the Holy Ghost, without

any difference or distinction. So that in the confession of the true and eternal Deity, we adore a distinction in the Persons, a Unity in the essence, and an Equality in the Majesty. Which the angels and archangels, the cherubim also and seraphim praise, who cease not daily to cry out, with one voice, saying, Holy, &c.

THE CANON OF THE MASS.

WE humbly pray and beseech thee, therefore, most merciful Father, through Jesus Christ thy Son, our Lord, that thou wouldst vouchsafe to accept and bless these Gifts, these Presents, these holy, unspotted Sacrifices, which in the first place we offer thee for thy holy Catholic Church, to which vouchsafe to grant peace; as also to preserve, unite, and govern it through-

out the world, together with thy servant N., our Pope, N., our Bishop, and N., as also all orthodox professors of the Catholic and Apostolic Faith.

COMMEMORATION OF THE LIVING.

BE merciful, O Lord, of thy servants, men and women, N. and N.

He prays awhile in secret for such as he intends to pray for.

AND of all here present, whose faith and devo-

tion is known unto thee, for whom we offer, or who offer up to thee this sacrifice of praise for themselves and friends, for the redemption of their souls, for the health and salvation they hope for, and for which they now pay their vows to thee, the eternal, living, and true God.

Communicating with, and honoring in the first place, the memory of the ever-glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord and God, Jesus Christ; as also of the blessed Apostles and Mar-

tyrs, Peter and Paul, Andrew, James, John, Thomas, James, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Simon and Thadeus, Linus, Cletus, Clement, Xystus, Cornelius, Cyprian, Laurence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmas and Damian, and of all thy Saints; by whose merits and prayers, grant that we may be always defended by the help of thy protection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

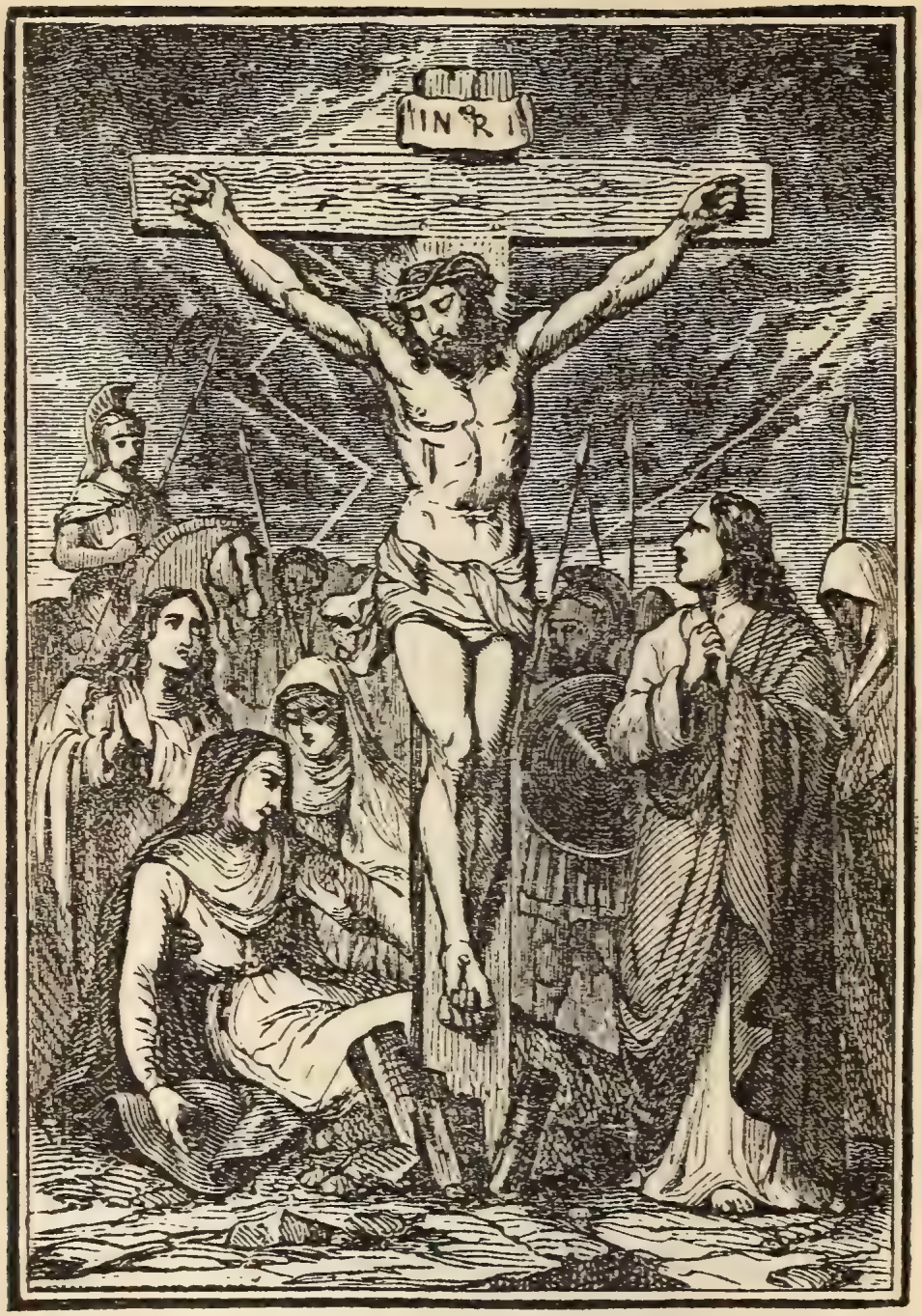
Spreading his hands over the Oblation, he says,

WE therefore beseech thee, O Lord, graciously to accept this oblation of our servitude, as also of thy whole family; dispose our days in thy peace, preserve us from eternal damnation, and rank us in the number of thine Elect, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Which oblation do thou, O God, vouchsafe in all respects to bless, approve, ratify, and accept; that it

may be made for us the body and blood of thy most beloved Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Who the day before he suffered, took bread into his holy and venerable hands, and with his eyes lifted up towards heaven, giving thanks to thee, God, his Almighty Father; he blessed it, brake, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat ye all of this, FOR THIS IS MY BODY.



Here with the Priest, adore the Sacred Host, *and say,*

MOST adorable body, I adore thee with all the

powers of my soul. O Lord, who hast given thyself entire to us, grant we may become entirely thine. I believe, O Lord, help my unbelief.

Most merciful Saviour, be thou my protector; strengthen and defend me by thy heavenly grace, now, and especially at the hour of my death, sweet Jesus. Amen.

In like manner, after he had supped, taking also this excellent chalice into his holy and venerable hands, giving thee also thanks, he

blessed it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: *Take and drink ye all of this, for this is the chalice of my blood of the New and Eternal Testament: the Mystery of Faith: which shall be shed for you, and for many, to the remission of sins.*

As often as ye do these things ye shall do them in remembrance of me.

Here, also, adore, when the Priest elevates the Chalice, *and say,*

MOST adorable blood! that washeth away

all our sins, I adore thee: happy we, could we return our life and blood for thine, O divine Victim! Cleanse, O Jesus! sanctify and preserve our souls to eternal life. Amen.

Wherefore, O Lord, we thy servants, as also thy whole people, calling to mind the blessed passion of the same Christ thy Son our Lord, his resurrection from the dead, and admirable ascension into heaven, offer unto thy most excellent Majesty, of thy gifts bestow-

ed upon us, a pure Host, a holy Host, an unspotted Host, the holy bread of eternal life, and chalice of everlasting salvation.

Upon which vouchsafe to look, with a propitious and serene countenance, and to accept them, as thou wast graciously pleased to accept the gifts of thy just servant Abel, and the sacrifice of our Patriarch Abraham, and that which thy High Priest Melchisedech offered to thee, a holy Sacrifice and unspotted Victim.

We most humbly beseech thee, Almighty God, command these things to be carried by the hands of thy holy angels to thy altar on high, in the sight of thy divine Majesty, that as many as shall partake of the most sacred body and blood of thy Son at this altar, may be filled with every heavenly grace and blessing. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD.

BE mindful, also, O Lord, of thy servants N. and N., who are gone before us with the sign of faith, and rest in the sleep of peace.

Here particular mention is made of such of the Dead as are to be prayed for.

TO these, O Lord, and to all that sleep in Christ, grant, we beseech thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Here, striking his Breast, the Priest says,

ALSO to us sinners, thy servants, confiding in the multitude of thy mercies, vouchsafe to grant some part and fellowship with thy holy apostles and martyrs; with John, Stephen, Matthias, Barnabas, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcelline, Peter, Felicitas, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecily, Anastasia, and with all thy saints: into whose company we beseech thee

to admit us, not in consideration of our merit, but of thy own gratuitous pardon. Through Christ our Lord.

By whom, O Lord, thou dost always create, sanctify, quicken, bless, and give us all these good things. By him, and with him, and in him is to thee, God the Father Almighty, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory.

P. Forever and ever.

R. Amen.

Let us pray.

BEING instructed by thy saving precepts, and following thy divine directions, we presume to say:

OUR Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

P. Amen.

Deliver us, we beseech thee, O Lord, from all evils, past, present, and to come: and by the intercession of the blessed and ever-glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, and of the holy apostles Peter and Paul, and of Andrew, and of all the saints, mercifully grant peace in our days: that through the assistance of thy mercy we may be always free from sin, and secure from all disturbance.

Through the same Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord, who with thee, and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, God.

P. World without end.

R. Amen.

P. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

[*At his breaking and putting part of the Host into the Chalice, say*], May this mixture and consecration of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ be

to us that receive it effectual to eternal life. Amen.

Then bowing and striking his Breast, he says,

LAMB of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us!

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us!

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, give us peace!

In Masses for the DEAD *he says twice,* Give them

rest; *and lastly*, Eternal rest. *The following Prayer is also omitted:*

LORD Jesus Christ, who saidst to thy apostles, I leave you peace, I give you my peace, regard not my sins, but the faith of thy Church; and grant her that peace and unity which is agreeable to thy will: who livest, &c. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, according to the will of thy Father, through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, hast, by thy

death, given life to the world; deliver me by this most sacred body and blood from all my iniquities, and from all evils; make me always adhere to thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from thee: who livest and reignest with God the Father in the unity of, &c. Amen.

Let not the participation of thy body, O Lord Jesus Christ, which I, though unworthy, presume to receive, turn to my judgment and condemnation; but through

thy mercy may it be a safeguard and remedy, both of soul and body, who, with God the Father and the unity of the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God forever and ever. Amen.

Taking the Host in his Hands, he says,

I WILL take the bread of heaven, and call upon the name of the Lord.

Striking his Breast, he says thrice,

LORD, I am not worthy that thou shouldst

enter under my roof; say but the word, and my soul shall be healed.

Receiving both parts of the Host, he says,

MAY the body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to life everlasting. Amen.

Taking the Chalice in his Hand, he says,

WHAT return shall I make the Lord for all he has given to me? I will take the chalice of salvation, and call upon the name

of the Lord. Praising I will call upon the Lord, and shall be saved from my enemies.

Receiving the Blood of our Saviour, he says,

MAY the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve my soul to everlasting life. Amen.

Taking the first Ablution, he says,

GRANT, O Lord, that what we have taken with our mouth, we may receive with a pure mind: that of a temporal gift it

may become to us an eternal remedy.

Taking the second Ablution, he says,

MAY thy Body, O Lord, which I have received, and thy blood which I have drunk, cleave to my bowels: and grant, that no stain of sin may remain in me, who have been fed with this pure and holy sacrament. Who livest, &c. Amen.

When the Priest returns to the Book, and reads the Communion, *say,*

LET it be now, O Lord, the effect of thy mercy, that we, who have been present at these holy mysteries, may find the benefit of them in our soul.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

At the Post Communion, say as follows:

WE give thee thanks, O Lord, for thy mercy, in admitting us to have a

part in offering this sacrifice to thy holy name; accept it now to thy glory, and be ever mindful of our weakness, pardon all our defects, and grant our requests: through, &c.

After the Post Communion, is added the following Prayer for the President, &c.

DEFEND also, O Lord, from all adversity thy servant N. our Pope, N. our Bishop, the President of the United States, and all others

in authority, together with the people and army committed to his care; grant peace in our days, and banish all wickedness from thy Church: through, &c.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. Go, you are dismissed, (or) Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

In Masses for the Dead.

P. May they rest in peace.

R. Amen.

Bowing before the Altar, the Priest says,

LET the performance of my homage be pleasing to thee, O holy Trinity: and grant that the sacrifice which I, though unworthy, have offered up in the sight of thy Majesty, may be acceptable to thee, and through thy mercy be a propitiation for me, and all those for whom it has been offered. Through, &c.

Turning himself towards the People, he gives them his blessing, saying,

MAY Almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless you. Amen.

P. Our Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

P. The beginning of the Gospel according to St. John.

R. Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel according to St. John.

N the beginning was the Word, and the

Word was with God, and the Word was God. This Word was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him, and without him was made nothing that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men; and the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

He came for a testimony, to give testimony of the light, that all men might be-

lieve through him. He was not the light, but was to give testimony of the light. He was the true light, which enlightens every man that cometh into this world. He was in the world; and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came to his own, and his own received him not. But to as many as received him, he hath given a power to be made the sons of God, to them who believe in his name. Who are born, not of blood, nor of

the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but who are born of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. And we have seen his glory, the glory as it were of the only-begotten Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS AND DEVOTIONS FOR CONFESSION.

IN order to prepare yourself to make a good confession, endeavor, in the first place, to recommend the matter earnestly to God; and, for some days beforehand, frequently and fervently beg his divine grace and assistance; and this more especially, if you have, for a long time, lived in the habit of sin: in which case it is most proper to prepare yourself by a spiritual retreat for some days, during which time you may seriously enter into yourself.

Examine your conscience with care and diligence, yet without

too much anxiety and scrupulosity. Consult the table of sins to help your memory; and reflect, in particular, on the evil inclinations you are most subject to, on the places and companies you have been in, on your usual employments, on the duties of your calling, and how you have discharged them, &c.

When you have duly examined your conscience, do not think that this is all you have to do, in order to be well prepared for confession. The greatest part of the work remains still to be done; and that is, to take proper time and care to procure a hearty sorrow and detestation of all your sins, by which you have offended so good a God, with a full deter-

mination, with the grace of God, to avoid the like sins for the future.

In order to obtain this hearty sorrow for your sins, and this firm purpose of amendment, you must earnestly beg it of God, whose gift it is: and you must make use of such prayers, considerations, and meditations, as may be most proper to move you to it. Particularly reflect on the four last things, on the enormity of sin, on the goodness of God, and his benefits to you, on the death and passion of Christ, &c.

If you have anything upon your conscience which you have a particular difficulty of confessing, cease not, with prayers and tears, to importune your heavenly Fa-

ther to assist you in this regard, till he gives you the grace to overcome that difficulty; and be sure never to go to confession with a design of telling a lie to the Holy Ghost.

Let your confession be humble, without seeking excuses for your sins, or throwing the fault on others. Let it be entire, as to the kind and number of your sins, and such circumstances as quite change the nature of the sin, or notoriously aggravate it. Be modest in your expressions, and take care not to name any third person.

A Prayer to implore the Divine assistance in order to make a good confession.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God! who hast made

me out of nothing, and redeemed me by the precious blood of thy only Son—who hast, with so much patience, borne with me to this day, notwithstanding all my sins and ingratitude; ever calling after me to return to thee from the ways of vanity and iniquity, in which I have been quite wearied out in the pursuit of empty toys and mean shadows; seeking in vain to satisfy my thirst with muddy waters, and my hunger with husks, like swine: behold, O most gracious Lord! I now sincerely desire to leave all these my evil ways, to forsake this region of death, where I have so long lost myself, and to return to thee, the fountain of life. I desire, like the prodigal child, to

enter seriously into myself, and, with the like resolutions, to rise without delay, and go home to my Father, though I am infinitely unworthy to be called his child, in hopes of meeting with the like reception from his most tender mercy. I know thou desirest not the death of a sinner, but that he may be converted and live. I know thy mercies are above all thy works: and I most confidently hope, that as in thy mercy thou hast spared me so long, and hast now given me this desire of returning to thee; so thou wilt finish the work thou hast begun, and bring me to a perfect reconciliation with thee.

I desire now to comply with thy holy institution of the sacra-

ment of penance. I desire to confess my sins, with all sincerity, to thee and to thy minister, and therefore I desire to know myself, and to call myself to an account by a diligent examination of my conscience.

But, O my good God! what will it avail me to know my sins, if thou dost not also give me a hearty sorrow and repentance for them? Without this, my sins will be all against me still, and I shall be still thine enemy and a child of hell. Thou insistest upon a change of heart, without which there can be no reconciliation with thee: and this change of heart none but thou can give. O give it me then, dear Lord, at this time. Give me a lively faith,

and a firm hope, in the passion of my Redeemer. Teach me to fear thee, and to love thee. Give me, for thy mercies' sake, a hearty sorrow for having offended so good a God.

O blessed Virgin, mother of my Redeemer, mirror of innocence and sanctity, and refuge of penitent sinners, intercede for me through the passion of thy Son, that I may obtain the grace to make a good confession. O all you blessed angels and saints of God! pray for me, a most miserable sinner, that I may now effectually turn from my evil ways, that my heart may henceforward be forever united with yours in eternal love, and never more go astray from the Sovereign Good. *Amen.*

AN EXAMINATION OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.

I. *Commandment.*

GIVEN to any creature the honor due only to God.

Not loved God above all things.

Arrogated to myself any part of the glory in any action, and not given all to God.

Borne overmuch love to creatures.

Doubted in matters of faith.

Ignorant of the creed, the ten commandments, or the precepts of the Church.

Murmured against God for my own adversity, or prosperity of others.

Wanted confidence in God.

Presumed on his goodness.

Despaired of his mercy.

Believed dreams or tellers of fortunes.

Gone to witches or cunning men for counsel, for the recovery of things lost.

Used charms, or superstitious words, or actions, for the cure of diseases, or any thing else.

Given any scandal to heretics, or favored their heresy.

Hindered any one's conversion from heresy or schism.

Not recommended myself daily to God.

Not conformed my will in all things to the divine will.

II. *Commandment.*

TAKEN the name of God in vain.

Blasphemed God or his saints.

Spoken irreverently of holy things, or profaned any thing relating to religion.

Sworn falsely, or rashly, for any trivial matters.

Cursed myself or others, or any creatures.

Broken my vows.

Angered others so far as to make them swear or blaspheme God.

III. *Commandment.*

NOT kept holy the Lord's day, and other days commanded to be kept.

Bought or sold things not of necessity on that day.

Done or commanded some servile work, not of necessity.

Not heard Mass, or been will-

ingly distracted in the time of Mass.

Talked, gazed, or laughed in the church.

Not cared to hear Catholic sermons.

Spent the day in dancing, drinking, cards, &c.

Omitted saying my morning and evening prayers or other devotions.

IV. *Commandment.*

NOT honored my parents, superiors, masters, or betters, every one according to my just duty. Despised them. Spoke evil of them. Cursed them. Murmured against them. Not prayed for them. Deceived them. Disobeyed them. Not succored my parents. Been

ashamed of them. Made them sad. Not used reverence to aged persons. Mocked or jested at them.

V. *Commandment.*

PROCURED, desired, or hastened the death of myself or others.

Borne hatred. Oppressed any. Desired revenge. Not forgiven. Refused to speak to others. Given provoking language. Threatened or struck others, not under my charge. Made others quarrel.

VI. *Commandment.*

COMMITTED adultery, fornication or incest. Procured pollution in one's self or others. Wanton words, looks, or gestures. Lascivious dress-

ing, colors, or painting. Lewd company. Lascivious balls, or revellings. Dishonest books. Unchaste songs. Kissing, or unchaste discourses.

VII. *Commandment.*

STEALTH, cozenage, deceit, in gaming, reckoning, buying, or selling; in wares, prices, or weights.

Bought of such as could not justly sell. Taken of such as could not justly give. Wilfully damaged another man's goods. Negligently spoiled them. Run into debts carelessly beyond my power, or without purpose of payment. Vexed others by unjust lawsuits. Not paid my debts. Not fulfilled my pro-

mises. Kept that which ought to be restored.

VIII. *Commandment.*

BORNE false witness. Called injurious names. Uttered another's secret sins. Flattered myself or others. Believed false reports of others. Not defended their good name. Sowed discord. Opened others' letters. Judged rashly. Falsely suspected. Too much disturbed. Listened to others. Talked with an evil design. Concealed the truth, to the detriment of others.

IX. *Commandment.*

INWARD concupiscence of the flesh, that passes no farther than the mind; as desiring, or willingly taking pleasure in

thinking of those things which are forbidden to be done in the sixth commandment.

X. *Commandment.*

COVETED any thing belonging to another; not contented with what God has given me. Greedy of growing rich

ON THE SEVEN DEADLY SINS.

I. *Pride.*

PRIDE. Vain-glory. Ambition. Superfluity. Presumption. Vanity. Hypocrisy. Flattery. Dissimulation. Obstinacy. Curiosity. Flouting, or scoffing. Contempt of others.

II. *Covetousness.*

COVETOUSNESS. Niggardliness. Greediness. Without pity. Not giving alms,

having wherewithal. Not lent to some in need. Not contented with my own state.

III. *Luxury, or Lust.*

OF the sins of luxury, see under the sixth commandment.

IV. *Anger.*

ANGER. Impatience. Hastiness. Rage or fury. Disdainfulness. Waywardness. Fretfulness. Discontentedness. Picking of quarrels. Immoderate grieving. Severe correcting.

V. *Gluttony.*

GLUTTONY. Drunkenness. Delicate dishes. Eating more than one meal on fasting days. Eating flesh on pro-

hibited days. Banqueted and feasted above my ability. Intemperate feeding.

VI. *Envy.*

ENVY. Grieved at others' prosperity, or to hear them well spoken of. Rejoiced at their hurt. Dispraised their merchandise. Interpreted their doings or sayings in the worst sense.

VII. *Sloth.*

SLOTH. Indevotion. Drowsiness, or sleepiness. Idleness or laziness. Overmuch seeking my own ease. Inconstant in good purposes. Neglected things given me in charge. Ungrateful to God for his benefits. Unthankful to my friends and benefactors. Chosen rather to

want, than to work or labor for my living. Not prayed for the faithful souls departed.

In all which we not only sin ourselves, but also become accessory to another's sin; either by commanding, counselling, consenting, or approving; by not endeavoring to hinder; by not admonishing; and, lastly, by evil example.

A Prayer for obtaining Contrition.

I HAVE now, here before me, O Lord! a sad prospect of the manifold offences by which I have displeased thy divine Majesty, and which, I am assured, will appear in judgment against me, if I repent not, and my soul be not disposed, by a hearty sorrow,

to receive thy pardon. But this sorrow, O Lord! this repentance, must be thy free gift; and if it comes not from the hand of thy mercy, all my endeavors will be vain, and I shall be for ever miserable. Have mercy, therefore, on me, O Father of mercies! and pour forth into my heart thy grace, whereby I may sincerely repent me of all my sins; give me a true contrition, that I may bewail my past misery and ingratitude, and grieve from my heart for having offended thee, so good a God. Permit me not to be deluded with a false sorrow, as I fear I have been too often, through my own weakness and neglect: but let it be now thy gift descending from thee, O Father of lights!

that so my repentance may be accompanied with an amendment and change of life, and I may be acquitted of all my sins, and once more received into the number of thy servants; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Method of Confession.

THE penitent kneeling down at the side of his ghostly father, makes the sign of the cross, and asks his blessing: *Pray, father, give me your blessing, for I have sinned.* Then he says the *confiteor* in *Latin* or in *English* as far as the *mea culpa, &c., through my fault, &c.*

2. After this he accuses himself of his sins, either according

to the order of God's commandments, or such other order as he finds most helpful to his memory; adding, after each sin, the number of times that he has been guilty of it, and such circumstances as considerably aggravate the guilt; but carefully abstaining from such as are impertinent or unnecessary, and from excuses and long narrations.

3. After he has confessed all that he can remember, he may conclude with this or the like form: *For these and all other of my sins, which I cannot at this present call to my remembrance, I am heartily sorry; purpose amendment for the future; most humbly ask pardon of God, and penance and absolution of you,*

my ghostly father. He may then finish the *confiteor*, and give an attentive ear to the instructions and advices of his confessor, and humbly accept the penance enjoined by him.

4. While the priest gives him absolution, let him bow down his head, and with great humility call upon God for mercy; and beg of him that he would be pleased to ratify the sentence of absolution in heaven, which his minister pronounces here upon earth.

5. After the confession, let the penitent return to his prayers; and after having heartily given God thanks for having admitted him by the means of this sacrament to the grace of reconciliation, and received him, like the

prodigal child returning home, let him make an offering of his confession to Jesus Christ, begging pardon for whatever defects he may have been guilty of in it; offering up his resolutions to his Saviour, and begging grace to put them in execution.

6. Let him be careful to perform his penance in due time, and with a penitential spirit.

A Prayer after Confession.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God! who, according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, hast vouchsafed once more to receive this prodigal child, after going so many times astray from thee, and to admit him to the sacrament of recon-

ciliation; I give thee thanks, with all the powers of my soul, for this, and all thy other mercies, graces, and blessings, bestowed on me, the most unworthy of all sinners; and, prostrating myself now at thy sacred feet, I offer myself to be henceforward forever thine. Oh! let nothing in life or death ever separate me from thee. I once more renounce, with my whole soul, all my treasons against thee, and all the abominations and sins of my past life. I renew my promises made in baptism, and from this moment I dedicate myself eternally to thy love and service. O! grant that for the time to come, I may ever fly from and abhor sin more than death itself, and avoid all such

occasions and companies as have unhappily brought me to it. I resolve henceforward to shun them all, by thy divine grace, without which, of myself, I can do nothing. I resolve to perform *such and such devotions*, for obtaining this grace. I resolve to avoid idleness, and to model for myself a regular order and method of living for the time I have yet to come. I beg thy blessing upon these my resolutions, that they may not be ineffectual, like so many others I have formerly made, for, O Lord! without thee I am nothing but misery and sin. Supply also, by thy mercy, whatever defects have been in this my confession. I am sensible it has been very imperfect, and

that I was far from having that true sorrow which the heinousness of my sins required; but let the precious blood of thy only Son supply the deficiency. Accept my poor performance, such as it is, and give me grace to be now and always a true penitent, through the same Jesus Christ thy Son. *Amen.*

COMMUNION.

THE adorable Sacrament, in which, to use the language of inspiration, "The Lord hath made a remembrance of his wonderful works, and given food to them that fear him," (*Ps.* cx. 4,) was *figured* in the Old Law, *instituted and administered* in the New. See John vi. 49, 52, 59—1 Cor. xi. 23, 27, 28.

PRAYERS BEFORE COMMUNION.

AN ACT OF FAITH.

I FIRMLY believe, O my divine Jesus! that thou art truly present in the blessed sacrament of the Altar. I believe that it really, and substantially, contains thy body and blood, thy

soul and thy divinity. I acknowledge these truths; and I believe these wonders; I adore the power that has wrought them, the same power that said, "Be light made, and light was made." "Verily thou art a hidden God, the God of Israel, the Saviour." *Isa.* xiv. 15.

AN ACT OF HOPE.

SINCE thou vouchsafest to come and dwell within me, O my Redeemer! what may I not expect from thy bounty! I therefore present myself before thee with that lively confidence which thy infinite goodness inspires. Thou not only knowest all my wants, but thou art also willing and able to relieve them.

Thou hast not only invited me to thee, but hast also promised me thy gracious assistance: "Come to me all ye that labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you." Behold, then, O Lord! I accept of thy gracious invitation; I lay before thee all my wants, my misery, and my blindness; and confidently hope, without the fear of being disappointed, that thou wilt enable me to *persevere, unto the end* of my life, in thy service. "In thee, O Lord! have I hoped; I shall not be confounded forever." *Ps.* xxx. 1.

AN ACT OF LOVE.

"As the hart panteth after the fountains of water, so my soul panteth after thee, O God!"

"My soul hath thirsted after the strong living God; when shall I come and appear before the face of God?" *Ps.* 41.

"For what have I in heaven? and besides thee, what do I desire upon earth?" *Ps.* 72.

Let blind and infatuated worldlings intoxicate themselves with the false, transient, and fading happiness of this life; for my part, nothing besides thyself can content me, either in heaven or on earth. Come then, O thou Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world! Come, adorable flesh, and precious blood of my Saviour! Come, to nourish, comfort, and enliven my sickly soul. O God of my heart! let me neither love, seek, nor think

on any other object than thyself alone; for, thou alone art my consolation, my treasure, my joy, my life, my all!

"My heart and my flesh have rejoiced in the living God. Thy altars, O Lord of hosts! my king and my God!" *Ps.* 83.

"Who will give me wings like a dove, and I will fly and be at rest!" *Ps.* liv. 7.

AN ACT OF HUMILITY.

O GOD of sanctity! who am I, that thou shouldst come to me? "The heavens are not pure in thy sight," and wilt thou dwell in my heart! "Lord! I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter my roof." The consciousness of my unworthi-

ness would prompt me to exclaim, "Depart from me, O Lord! for I am a sinner." But, O the wonderful condescension of thy love! thy pressing invitation encourages me, and dispels my fears. "Here I am, for thou didst call me." Come, then, O Jesus! take possession of a heart that wishes to belong to thee. "Behold! they that go far from thee, shall perish. But, O my God! this house of my heart is too narrow for thee! do thou enlarge it: it is falling to ruin, do thou repair it: it has been defiled by sin, do thou cleanse and purify it. "Look thou upon me, and have mercy on me. O heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee! Let thy tender

mercies come unto me, and I shall live! Lord! I am not worthy that thou shouldst enter my roof; say but the word, and my soul shall be healed."

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION.

"What shall I render to the Lord for all the things that he hath rendered to me?" Ps. cxv. 12.

"Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift." 2 Cor. ix. 15.

'Bless the Lord, O my soul! and let all that is within me bless his holy name."

"Bless the Lord, O my soul! and never forget all that he hath done for thee."

Let my soul, O Lord! be sensible of her happiness. Let her,

in the silence of all worldly cares, taste and enjoy the sweetness of thy presence. "It is good for me to adhere to my God, to put my hope in the Lord God. I will hear what the Lord God will speak in me."

Here pause awhile, and commune with your God. Call to mind his benefits and your ingratitude: the graces he bestowed on you, the holy resolutions with which he inspired you, &c., and your carelessness, your negligence, your infidelity to them. Resolve to be more faithful for the future; to avail yourself of all the means of salvation he has placed, or will, henceforth, place within

your reach: such as the frequent reception of the Sacraments, the reading of religious books, the daily examination of your conscience, &c.

EHOLD, O Lord! I possess thee, who possessest all things, and who canst do all things. Thou art the heavenly physician of my soul, who healest all my infirmities: and I am the sick man whom thou camest down from heaven to heal. O! heal my soul, for I have sinned against thee!

"Though I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I will fear no evils, for thou art

with me. Thou hast prepared a table before me against them that afflict me—and thy mercy will follow me all the days of my life." *Ps.* 22.

"Behold, God is my Saviour, I will deal confidently, and will not fear: because the Lord is my strength, and my praise, and he is become my salvation." *Is.* 12.

"Rejoice, and praise, O thou my soul! for great is he that is in the midst of thee, the holy one of Israel." *Ibid.*

AN ACT OF CONFIDENCE.

BEHOLD! I am now in possession of the Sovereign Good! The first thought, O God, with which thy presence inspires me, is a sentiment of

adoration and respect. Yes, under these sacred veils, where thy love for me hath concealed the splendor of thy Majesty, I most humbly adore thee. I acknowledge thee as my master, my creator, and the supreme arbiter of my eternal destiny. But these thoughts are absorbed in the greatness of my confidence. Thou art glorious in heaven, all powerful on earth, and terrible in hell; but, in the eucharist, thou art mild, consoling, sweet, and liberal. Ah! what canst thou refuse me, when thou hast given me thyself?

AN ACT OF LOVE.

O AMIABLE Lord! who art ever lovely, and never suffi-

ciently loved, I love thee with all my heart, and above all things, I consider every moment of my life as lost, which has not been consecrated to thy love. Yes, O divine Jesus!—whilst thou art dwelling within my breast, whilst thou "livest in me"—I will say with Peter, "thou knowest that I love thee."

AN ACT OF PETITION.

ADORABLE Saviour, "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge—and all the fullness of the Godhead dwelleth corporally," consider my many wants, and grant me those graces which thou knowest I stand in need of, to do thy will in all things.

Thou knowest my weakness, and the necessity which I endure; in how great evils and vices I am immersed; how often I am oppressed, tempted, troubled, and defiled. To thee I come for remedy; I pray to thee for comfort and succor. I speak to him that knows all things: to whom all that is within me is manifest, and who alone can perfectly comfort and help me. Thou knowest what good things I stand most in need of, and how poor I am in virtues.

Behold, I stand before thee poor and naked, begging thy grace, and imploring thy mercy. Feed thy hungry suppliant; inflame my coldness with the fire of thy love; enlighten my blind-

ness with the brightness of thy presence.

AN ACT OF OBLATION.

WHEN thou givest thyself to me, O my beloved Saviour! all that thou expectest in return, is my heart. "With burnt-offerings thou wilt not be delighted; but, an humble and contrite heart thou wilt not despise; a grateful and loving heart thou art willing to accept. Such as mine is, I offer it to thee. O! take it and consecrate it for ever to thyself." "No man can serve two masters." Thee alone I choose; to thee alone I wish to belong. This, O Lord! has been my determination ever since thy grace inspired me with the desire of devoting myself

entirely to thy service. O may I faithfully adhere to it! Let nothing ever separate me from thee; in life and death let me be thine!

PIUS VII. *granted a Plenary Indulgence to all who shall say, with contrite heart, the following prayer, before a crucifix, after receiving Holy Communion, praying for the wants of the Church. (The crucifix on your Beads or the one on the altar will do.)*

Prayer.

LOOK down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel, and with burning soul pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in

my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity, true contrition for my sins, and firm purpose of amendment; the while I contemplate with great love and tender pity Thy five wounds, pondering over them within me, whilst I call to mind the words which David, Thy prophet, said of Thee, my Jesus: "They pierced my hands and my feet; they numbered all my bones."

Say five Our Fathers and five Hail Marys for the wants of the Holy Church.

INVOCATION OF ST. IGNATIUS.

300 *days' Indulgence each time it is said with contrite heart; and seven years and seven quaran-*

tines, for saying it after Communion; and a Plenary Indulgence once a month, to all who say it once a day, to be gained on that day, when, after Confession and Communion, they shall visit some Church, and pray there for some time, according to the mind of his Holiness.

Soul of Christ, be my sanctification,
Body of Christ, be my salvation.
Blood of Christ, fill all my veins,
Water of Christ's side, wash out my stains.
Passion of Christ, my comfort be,

O good Jesus, listen to me.
In thy wounds I fain would hide,
Ne'er to be parted from thy side.
Guard me, should the foe assail me,
Call me when my life shall fail me.
Bid me come to thee above,
With thy saints to sing thy love.
World without end. Amen.

☞ *If you have time, read the Chaplet of the Blessed Sacrament, page* 525.

CHAPLET OF OUR LORD.

THIS Chaplet, instituted by divine inspiration about the year 1516, by the blessed

Michael of Florence, a Camaldolese monk, who used to say it every day until his death, Jan. 11, 1522, is called the Chaplet of our Lord, because it is said in honor of Jesus Christ, and is composed of thirty-three *Our Fathers*, in remembrance and veneration of the thirty-three years which He lived on the earth; to these are added five *Hail Marys* in honor of His five most holy wounds, three of which are said, one at a time, at the beginning of each of the three sets of ten *Our Fathers*, and of the two remaining the first is said previous to saying the three concluding *Our Fathers*, and the last after them. The Chaplet finishes with the *I believe in God* in honor of the holy Apos-

tles who composed it, and which itself contains an epitome of the Birth, Life, Passion, and Death of our Divine Lord Jesus Christ. Pope Leo X., at the prayer of the above-named blessed Michael, granted by a Bull, dated Feb. 18, 1516, several Indulgences to any one who should keep about him the said Chaplet, or say it. Gregory XIII. did as much by means of a Brief, dated Feb. 14, 1573; and Sixtus V. by another Brief, dated Feb. 3, 1589. These Indulgences were all confirmed anew by Clement X., in a special brief, *De salute Dominici gregis*, dated July 20, 1674, who also added several more Indulgences as follows:—

i. INDULGENCE OF 200 YEARS

every time, to any one who shall say it, being penitent and having Confessed, or who at least shall firmly resolve to confess.

ii. INDULGENCE OF 150 YEARS to any one who, having Confessed and Communicated, shall carry about him one of these Chaplets, and say it every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, and also on all festivals of obligation.

iii. PLENARY INDULGENCE once a year on any one day, to any one who, having Confessed and Communicated, shall have made a practice of saying it at least four times a week.

iv. PLENARY INDULGENCE once a month to any one who shall have said it every day for a month, and shall then, being

penitent, having Confessed and Communicated, pray to God for the Holy Church, &c.

v. PLENARY INDULGENCE to any one who shall die in battle against the infidels, having been previously accustomed to say the said Chaplet three times a week, and having said it on the day of his death, and the day previous to it; provided he be penitent for his sins, and ask pardon of God for them.

vi. PLENARY INDULGENCE, and remission of all sins in the article of death, to any one who, being penitent and having Confessed, shall then invoke, at least with his heart if he cannot do so with his lips, the most holy Name of Jesus: provided he has said the

above-named Chaplet once during his illness with the intention of gaining this Indulgence: in the event of his recovery, he may gain the 200 YEARS' INDULGENCE.

vii. INDULGENCE OF TWENTY DAYS to any one who shall carry about him one of these Chaplets, and invoke the adorable Name of Jesus, after he has made an examination of conscience with contrition for his sins, and said three *Our Fathers* and three *Hail Marys* for the good estate of the Church.

viii. THE INDULGENCE OF TWENTY YEARS to any one who, having examined his conscience and confessed, shall, after his confession, pray to God for the advancement of the Catholic Faith,

the extirpation of heresy, and the exaltation of the Holy Church, &c.; and

ix. THE INDULGENCE OF TEN YEARS to any one who, having about him the said Chaplet, shall say three *Our Fathers* and three *Hail Marys*, as often as he does any spiritual or temporal good work in honor of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Blessed Virgin Mary, or some saint.

x. Any one who keeps one of the said Chaplets about him, if he be accustomed to do any good work which is done in any religious order, shall participate in all the good works which are done in the order in whose good works he has made the intention of sharing; if he assist at holy

Mass by saying five *Our Fathers* and five *Hail Marys*, he shall supply for every defect and distraction which has happened to him through inadvertence in the course of the Mass; moreover, if on days of obligation he has been legitimately hindered from hearing Mass, he shall have the same merit as if he had assisted at it, provided he say the five *Our Fathers* and five *Hail Marys* as above.

xi. Any one out of Rome keeping one of these Chaplets about him, shall, on the days of the Stations, gain the 200 YEARS' INDULGENCE on visiting any Church he chooses; if hindered from doing so, he shall gain the same Indulgence by saying this Chaplet, the seven Penitential Psalms,

with the Litanies and Prayers. The same Indulgence in Rome may be gained by any one who, being legitimately hindered from visiting the Church of the Station, shall say the Chaplet and Psalms as above.

Pope Benedict XIII. afterwards, by a decree of the S. Congr. of Indulgences, dated April 6, 1727, confirmed all the above Indulgences, and added another—

xii. PLENARY INDULGENCE to any one who, after having Confessed and Communicated, should say this Chaplet on Friday. This Plenary Indulgence can only be gained on the Fridays in March, and that after the works enjoined above have been fulfilled; as was

declared by Pope Leo XII., in a decree of the S. Congr. of Indulgences, dated Aug. 11, 1824.

In order to gain the above-named Indulgences, it is necessary that—

1. The Chaplet be blessed by the Reverend Fathers of the Camaldolese order, either hermits or monks, or else by those who have apostolical authority to bless them; once blessed, they cannot be sold, or lent to others for the purpose of communicating to them the Indulgences; in which case they would afterwards be deprived of the Indulgences annexed to them according to the said brief of Pope Clement X.

2. Every one saying the Chaplet must, according to his capa-

city, meditate on the mysteries of the life of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is not, however, necessary either to read or recite the following short reflections, as they are only added for the greater devotion of any one who might wish to make use of them.

CHAPLET OF OUR LORD.

Begin with an act of contrition, page 21.

First Decade.

THE Archangel Gabriel makes known to the Blessed Virgin Mary the Incarnation of the Divine Word in her pure womb.

Hail Mary, &c.

1. The Son of God made man

is born of Mary the Virgin and laid in a manger.

Our Father, &c.

2. The angels make merry and sing *Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Our Father, &c.

3. The shepherds hear the angels' tidings, and come and adore Him.

Our Father, &c.

4. He is circumcised the eighth day, and called by the most holy Name of Jesus.

Our Father, &c.

5. Is adored by the Magi, and receives offerings of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Our Father, &c.

6. Is presented in the Temple, and foretold the Saviour of the world.

Our Father, &c.

7. Flies from the wrath of Herod, and is carried into Egypt.

Our Father, &c.

8. Herod finds Him not, and murders the Innocents.

Our Father, &c.

9. He is carried back by Joseph and his Mother into Nazareth, His country.

Our Father, &c.

10. Disputes in the Temple with the doctors, being twelve years old.

Our Father, &c.

If said for the departed, add:

Eternal rest give to them, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

Second Decade.

JESUS is most obedient to the Blessed Virgin His Mother, and to St. Joseph.

Hail Mary, &c.

1. Thirty years old, He is baptized by John in Jordan.

Our Father, &c.

2. Fasts forty days in the desert, and overcomes the tempter.

Our Father, &c

3. Practises and preaches His holy laws, whereby is life eternal.

Our Father, &c.

4. Calls His disciples, who forthwith leave all and follow Him.

Our Father, &c.

5. Works His first miracle of changing water into wine.

Our Father, &c.

6. Heals the sick, makes the lame to walk, gives hearing to the deaf, sight to the blind, life to the dead.

Our Father, &c.

7. Converts sinful men and sinful women, and pardons their sins.

Our Father, &c.

8. When the Jews persecute Him even unto death, he chastises them not, but sweetly chides them.

Our Father, &c.

9. Is transfigured on Mount Thabor, in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Our Father, &c.

10. Enters triumphant into

Jerusalem sitting on an ass's colt, and drives the profaners from the Temple.

Our Father, &c.

Eternal rest, &c., *as above (if said for the departed).*

Third Decade.

JESUS takes leave of His Mother before He goes to die for our salvation.

Hail Mary, &c.

1. Celebrates the Last Supper, washes the Apostles' feet.

Our Father, &c.

2. Institutes the most holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Our Father, &c.

3. Prays in the garden, sweats blood, and is comforted by an angel.

Our Father, &c.

4. Is betrayed by Judas with a kiss, is taken and bound by the officers of justice as a great malefactor.

Our Father, &c.

5. Is falsely accused, is buffeted and spit upon, and shamefully used before four tribunals

Our Father, &c.

6. Looks tenderly on Peter after he had thrice denied Him; whilst Judas despairs, hangs himself, and is lost.

Our Father, &c.

7. Is cruelly scourged at the pillar, and receives innumerable blows.

Our Father, &c.

8. Is crowned with thorns,

shown to the people, who cry, Crucify Him, crucify Him.

Our Father, &c.

9. Is condemned to die, carries the heavy cross with grievous pain upon His shoulders to Mount Calvary.

Our Father, &c.

10. Is crucified between two thieves, dies after three hours' agony, is wounded in the side with a lance, and is buried.

Our Father, &c.

Eternal rest, &c., *as above* (*if said for the departed*).

Jesus rises the third day, and visits first of all His most holy Mother.

Hail Mary, &c.

1. Appears to the three Marys,

and bids them tell the disciples they have seen Him risen from the dead.

Our Father, &c.

2. Appears to the disciples, shows them His most holy Wounds, bids Thomas touch them.

Our Father, &c.

3. The fortieth day after His resurrection, blesses most holy Mary His Mother and all His disciples, then ascends into heaven.

Our Father, &c.

Let us pray to the most holy Virgin to obtain for us also the blessing of her Son Jesus Christ, now and at the hour of our death.

Hail Mary, &c.

Eternal rest, &c., *as above (if said for the departed).*

Let us say the Creed in honor of the holy Apostles.

End with the prayer said to be St Augustine's.

Let us pray.

O MY Lord Jesus Christ, who to redeem the world and to free us from the pains of hell, didst vouchsafe to be born amongst men, subject to pain and to death, to be circumcised, rejected, and persecuted by the Jews, betrayed by Thy disciple Judas with a sacrilegious kiss, and as a lamb, gentle and innocent, bound with cords, and dragged in scorn before the tribunals

of Annas, Caiphas, Pilate, and Herod; who didst suffer Thyself to be accused by false witnesses, torn by scourges, crowned with thorns, smitten with blows, insulted with spittings, to have Thy divine countenance covered out of contempt, to be many ways set at naught and outraged, to be filled with reproaches and ignominies, and, last of all, to be stript of Thy clothes, nailed, and raised high upon a cross between two vile thieves, to be drenched with gall and vinegar, and then pierced with a lance, and so to fulfil the mighty work of our redemption: Saviour most tender, by thy many cruel sufferings borne by Thee out of Thy love for me, which I, unworthy as I

am, yet dare to contemplate, by Thy holy cross and by thy bitter death, free me (and this thy servant*) from the pains of hell; and vouchsafe to gather me into the garner of Paradise, whither Thou didst lead the penitent thief who was crucified with Thee, my Jesus, who now, with the Father and with the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

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* If said for a soul in its agony.

THE ROSARY OF THE BLESSED NAME OF JESUS.

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IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Thou, O Lord, wilt open my lips.

And my tongue shall announce thy praise.

Incline unto my aid, O God.

O Lord, hasten to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE FIRST PART.

I. *Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Meditation.

THE Son of God assumes human flesh out of the pure blood of the blessed Mary

ever Virgin, and is made man in her womb.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

II. *Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Meditation.

THE Saviour of the world is born for our redemption; His Mother remaining a Virgin.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

III. *Circumcision of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour being eight days old, begins to suffer for our sins, and his blood

already flows for us. He is circumcised according to the law, as if he had been himself a sinner.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

IV. *Our Lord Jesus Christ found in the Temple*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour being twelve years old, shows himself more than mortal by his knowledge and wisdom, teaching the teachers of the Jews.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

V. *Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Meditation.

THE Saviour of the world is baptized by St. John. The eternal Father declares him to be his Son.

O Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Prayer.

O JESUS, whose name is above all names, that at the name of Jesus every knee may bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, or in hell. Who, at the time appointed by the Eternal Wisdom, assumedst flesh in the womb of the blessed Mary ever Virgin, and thus be-

camest the Son of David. Whose birth gladdened men and angels. Who began so early to suffer for us, and to shed on our account that blood that washeth away the sins of the world. Whose immortal wisdom appeared at the age of twelve years. To whose baptism all heaven was attentive. Grant us to celebrate those mysteries to thy honor and our own salvation: Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, for all eternity. Amen.

THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE SECOND PART.

I. *Our Saviour washes his Disciples' Feet.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour, to show us an example of humility, and how much we ought to

serve each other, descendeth so low as to wash the feet of his disciples, though he is the God whom heaven and earth adore.

O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

II. *Prayer of our Lord in the Garden.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour, knowing his passion to be now at hand, is so affected with the thoughts of it, and so oppressed with the load of our sins, that he prays to his Almighty Father that the bitter chalice might pass away from him.

O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

III. *Our Saviour apprehended.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour, as if he had been no more than man, yields to the power of men, and permits himself, for our redemption, to be apprehended as if he were a malefactor.

O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

IV. *Our Saviour carries his Cross.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour, being torn with scourges and pierced with thorns to expiate our sins, is obliged to carry the Cross on which he is to die, and moves on, laboring with sorrow, towards the place of execution.

O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c

V. *Descent of our Saviour into Hell.*

The Meditation.

THE soul of our Saviour, being separated by death from

the body, descends to that place where the Saints were expecting his redemption.

O Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*] Glory be to, &c.

The Prayer.

O JESUS, whose name is above all names, that in the name of Jesus every knee may bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, or in hell, whose mysterious humiliations and sorrows, appointed for thee on account of our sins, appeared in the washing of the feet of thy servants and creatures; in thy distress and prayer and bloody sweat; in thy being secured, and brought before courts as a crimi-

nal; in thy bearing the load of the cross; and in the separation of thy soul from thy body, and its descent into the regions below; grant to us to celebrate those mysteries to thy honor and our own salvation: who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God, for all eternity. Amen.

THE FIVE MYSTERIES OF THE THIRD PART.

I. *Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Meditation.

THE soul of our Lord Jesus Christ, which had been separated from the body, is reunited to it by a miracle of the Almighty power, and that body

which had been dead, rises to die no more.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

II. *Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The Meditation.

THE body of our Lord Jesus Christ ascends into the highest heaven, where the Saviour of mankind sits at the right hand of God, the Almighty Father.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

III. *Our Lord Jesus Christ sends down the Holy Ghost.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour, now seated on the right hand of God, his Almighty Father, sends down the Holy Ghost, to inspire and animate his disciples, that they may be qualified to publish to mankind his cross and his glory.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

IV. *Our Lord Jesus Christ crowning the Blessed Virgin and Saints.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour, having by his passion, resurrection, and

ascension, opened the way for the sons of Adam to heaven, which they had lost by sin, bestows on his Mother and his saints crowns of immortal glory.

O Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

V. *Our Lord Jesus Christ coming to Judgment.*

The Meditation.

OUR Saviour will come in power and majesty to judge the living and the dead, and to render to every one according to his works.

O Jesus, Son of the living

God, have mercy on us. [*Ten times.*]

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Prayer.

O JESUS, whose name is above all names, that in the name of Jesus every knee may bend, of those that are in heaven, on earth, or in hell: whose murdered body consigned to the grave, the Almighty raised from death, glorious and immortal: who by thy ascension triumphedst over death, and leddest captivity captive: who according to thy promise didst send down the Spirit that proceedeth from the Father and Thee, the Comfort-

er and Enlivener; who, stretching forth the bounty of thy Almighty hand, didst shed upon the chosen children of Adam that glory which neither eye hath seen, nor ear hath heard, nor hath it entered into the heart of man, and who will come forth, in power and majesty, to judge the living and the dead, before whose throne all mortals shall appear: Grant us to celebrate those mysteries to thy honor and our own salvation: who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest, one God, for all eternity. Amen.

The repetition of the above Prayers for meditation is not

absolutely necessary. Those who cannot meditate on the mysteries, may say the Creed beforehand, in this Rosary, and in that of the Blessed Virgin. The works belonging to them do not bind under any sin.

Those who are in the Society of the Rosary of the Names of Jesus, may have a plenary indulgence on New Year's day, the same that is granted in the year of Jubilee. Also on every second Sunday in the month; at the time of being received into the society; at the article of death; and on each day of the fifteen mysteries.

THE ROSARY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN.

ST. DOMINIC, the founder of the order of Friar Preachers, having recourse to the Blessed Virgin in order to stem the flood of the Albigensian heresy, which was spreading itself like a plague over many countries, but especially over France, instituted, by special revelation from her, in the year 1206, and afterwards very effectually promulgated, the devotion of the holy Rosary, which ever since has produced now for many ages the most marvellous results in the Christian world. In order to animate all the faithful often to have recourse to the Blessed Virgin by using this devotion,

Pope Benedict XIII. granted, by his Brief *Sanctissimus*, of April 13, 1726, to all who say with contrition the whole Rosary of fifteen decades, or a third part of it of five decades—

i. THE INDULGENCE OF 100 DAYS for every *Pater noster*, and every *Ave Maria*.

ii. THE PLENARY INDULGENCE to all who shall have said the third part of it once every day for a year, on any one day in the year, after Confession and Communion.

The present Sovereign Pontiff Pius IX., by a decree of the S. Congr. of Indulgences of May 12, 1851, confirmed these Indulgences, and granted besides—

iii. THE INDULGENCE OF SEVEN

YEARS AND SEVEN QUARANTINES to every one who with contrition shall say a third part of the Rosary in company with others, either in public or private.

iv. THE PLENARY INDULGENCE, on the last Sunday in every month, to all who are in the habit of saying with others, at least three times a week, the said third part of the Rosary; provided that on that Sunday they shall, after Confession and Communion, visit a church or public oratory, and pray there for a time according to the mind of his Holiness.

To gain these Indulgences it is requisite that the Rosaries should be blessed by religious of the order of Friar Preachers, and

that, whilst the prayers are being said, meditation be made on the mysteries of the Birth, Passion, Death, Resurrection, &c. of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to the decree of the S. Congr. of Indulgences of August 12, 1726, approved by the above-named Pope Benedict XIII. Note, however, that he declared, in his Constitution *Pretiosus* of May 26, 1727, § 4, that simple people who could not meditate might obtain the Indulgence by merely saying the Rosary devoutly.

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES,

Assigned for Mondays and Thursdays throughout the Year, the Sundays of Advent, and after Epiphany till Lent.

IN the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

V. Hail, Mary, full of grace, our Lord is with thee.

R. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

V. Thou, O Lord, wilt open my lips.

R. And my tongue shall announce thy praise.

V. Incline unto my aid, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Alleluia, *or*, praise be to thee, O Lord! King of eternal glory.

THE FIRST MYSTERY.

The Annunciation.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the Angel Gabriel saluted our blessed Lady with the title Full of Grace, and declared unto her the incarnation of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Then say, Our Father, &c., *once,* Hail Mary, &c., *ten times,* Glory be to the Father, &c., *once.*

The Prayer.

O HOLY Mary, Queen of Virgins, by the most high mystery of the incarnation of thy beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by which our salvation was so happily begun; obtain for us, by thy intercession, light to know this so great benefit which he hath bestowed upon us, vouchsafing in it to make himself our brother, and thee, his own most beloved Mother, our Mother also. Amen.

THE SECOND MYSTERY.

The Visitation.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the blessed Virgin Mary, understanding from the Angel that her cousin, St. Elizabeth, had conceived, went with haste into the mountains of

Judea to visit her, and remained with her three months.

Our Father, &c., &c., as before

The Prayer.

O HOLY Virgin, most spotless mirror of humility, by that exceeding charity which moved thee to visit thy holy cousin, St. Elizabeth, obtain for us, by thy intercession, that our hearts may be so visited by thy most holy Son, that being free from all sin, we may praise him and give him thanks forever. Amen.

THE THIRD MYSTERY.

The Nativity.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the blessed Virgin Mary, when the time of her delivery was come, brought forth our Redeemer Christ Jesus, at midnight, and laid him in

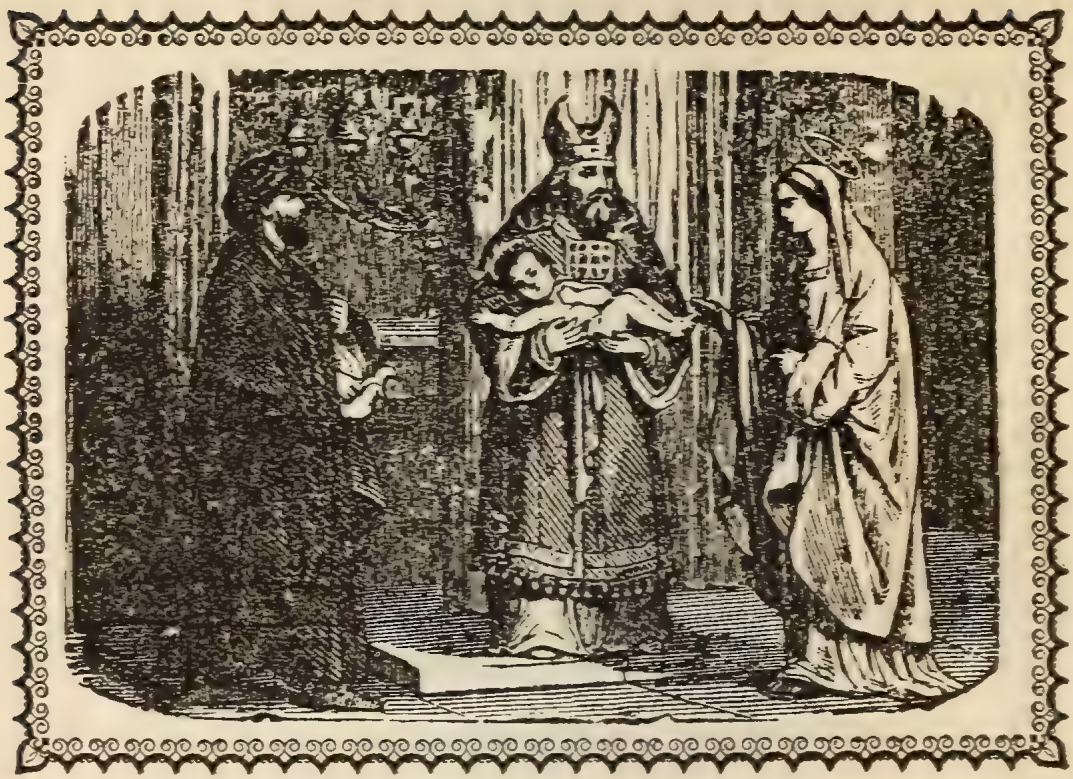
a manger, because there was no room for him in the inns at Bethlehem.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

O MOST pure Mother of God, by thy virginal and most joyful delivery, by which thou gavest unto the world thy Son our Saviour; we beseech thee, obtain for us, by thy intercession, grace to lead such pure and holy lives in this world, that we may worthily sing without ceasing, both by day and night, the mercies of thy Son, and his benefits to us by thee. Amen.

THE FOURTH MYSTERY.



The Presentation.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the most blessed Virgin Mary, on the day of her purification, presented the child Jesus in the temple, where holy Simeon, giving thanks to

God, with great devotion received him into his arms.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

O HOLY Virgin and admirable Mistress and Pattern of Obedience, who didst present in the temple the Lord of the temple; obtain for us, of thy beloved Son, that with holy Simeon and devout Anne, we may praise and glorify him forever. Amen.

THE FIFTH MYSTERY.

The Finding in the Temple.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the blessed Virgin Mary, having lost her beloved Son in Jerusalem, sought him for the space of three days, and at length found him

the fourth day in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them, being then but twelve years old.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

MOST blessed Virgin, more than Martyr in thy sufferings, and yet the comfort of such as are afflicted; by that unspeakable joy, wherewith thy soul was ravished in finding thy beloved Son in the temple, in the midst of the doctors, disputing with them; obtain of him for us so to seek him and to find him in the holy Catholic Church that we may never be separated from him. Amen.

Salve Regina.

HAIL! holy Queen, Mother of

Mercy, our Life, our Sweetness, and our Hope; to thee do we cry, poor banished sons of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears: turn then, most gracious advocate, thy eyes of mercy towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O most clement, most pious, and most sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

HEAR, O merciful God, the prayers of thy servants,

that we who meet together in the society of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mother of God, may, through her intercession, be delivered by thee from the dangers that continually hang over us. Amen.

O GOD, whose only-begotten Son, by his life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life; grant, we beseech thee, that meditating upon those mysteries, in the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain, and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE DOLOROUS OR SORROWFUL MYSTERIES.

For Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the Year, and the Sundays in Lent.

THE FIRST MYSTERY.

The Prayer and Bloody sweat of our Blessed Saviour in the Garden.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus was so afflicted for us in the garden of Gethsemane, that his body was bathed in a bloody sweat, which ran trickling down in great drops to the ground.

Our Father, &c., *once.* Hail Mary, &c., *ten times.* Glory be to the Father, &c., *once.*

The Prayer.

MOST holy Virgin, more than Martyr, by that ardent prayer which thy beloved Son poured forth unto his Father in the garden, vouch-

safe to intercede for us, that our passions being reduced to the obedience of reason, we may always and in all things conform and subject ourselves to the will of God. Amen.

THE SECOND MYSTERY.

The Scourging of Jesus at the Pillar.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ was most cruelly scourged in Pilate's house, the number of stripes they gave him being above five thou-

sand, as it was revealed to St. Bridget.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

O MOTHER of God, overflowing Fountain of patience, by those stripes thy only and most beloved Son vouchsafed to suffer for us, obtain of him for us grace, that we may know how to mortify our rebellious senses, and cut off all occasions of sinning with that sword of grief and compassion which pierced thy most tender soul. Amen.

THE THIRD MYSTERY.

The Crowning of Jesus with Thorns.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how those cruel ministers of Satan plaited a crown of sharp thorns, and most cruelly pressed it on the most sacred head of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

O MOTHER of our eternal Prince and King of Glory, by those sharp thorns wherewith his most holy head was pierced, we beseech thee that, by thy intercession, we may be delivered here from all motions of pride, and in the day of Judgment from that confusion which our sins deserve. Amen.

THE FOURTH MYSTERY.

Jesus Carrying his Cross.

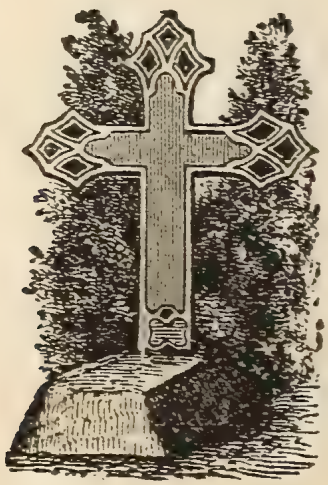
The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ (being sentenced to die), bore with great patience the Cross which was laid upon him for his greater torment and ignominy.

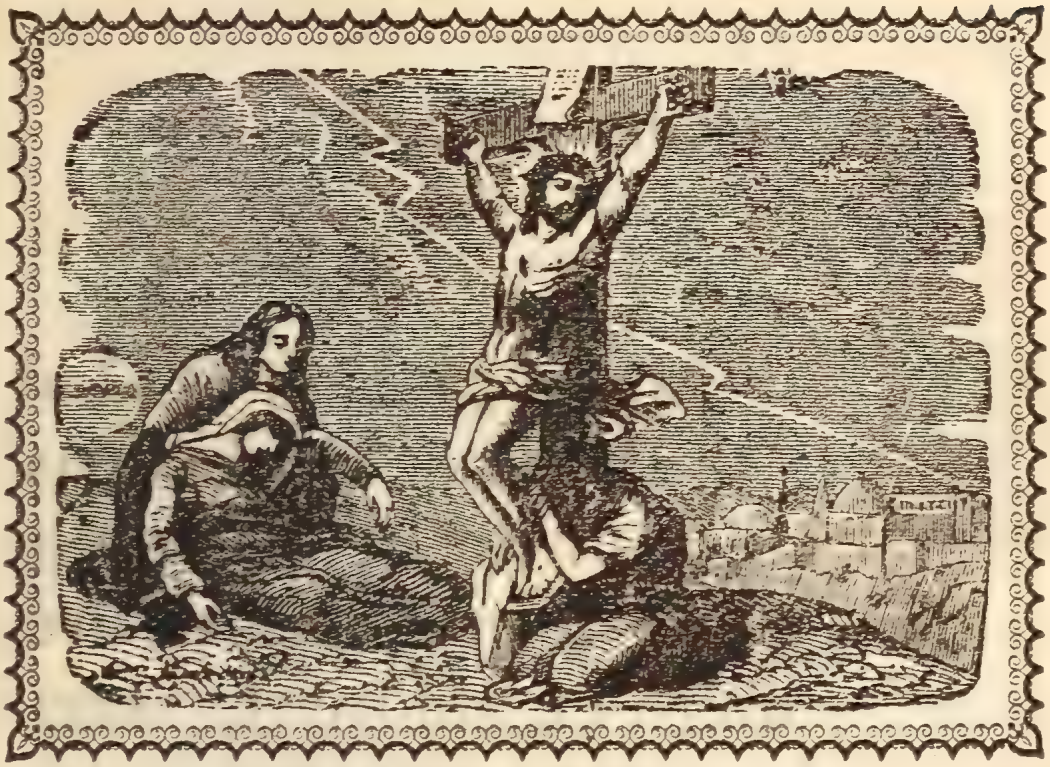
Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

O HOLY Virgin, example of patience, by the most painful carrying of the Cross on which thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ bore the heavy weight of our sins, obtain for us of him, by thy intercession, courage and strength to follow his steps, and bear our cross after him to the end of our lives. Amen.



THE FIFTH MYSTERY.



The Crucifixion.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ being come to Mount Calvary, was stripped of his clothes, and his hands and feet most cruelly nailed to the Cross,

in the presence of his most afflicted Mother.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

HOLY Mary, Mother of God, as the body of thy beloved Son was for us extended on the Cross, so may our desires be daily more and more stretched out in his service, and our hearts wounded with compassion of his most bitter passion; and thou, O most blessed Virgin, vouchsafe to negotiate for and with us the work of our salvation, by thy powerful intercession. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Hail holy Queen, &c. *With the verse and prayer as before.*

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES.

For Wednesdays and Saturdays throughout the year; and Sundays after Easter until Advent.

THE FIRST MYSTERY

The Resurrection.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, triumphing gloriously over death, rose again the third day, immortal and impassible.

Our Father, &c., *once.* Hail Mary, &c., *ten times.* Glory be to the Father, &c., *once.*

The Prayer.

O GLORIOUS Virgin Mary, by that unspeakable joy thou receivedst in the resurrection of thy only beloved Son, we beseech thee, obtain of him for us, that our hearts may never go astray after the false joys of this world, but may be

ever and wholly employed in pursuit of the only true and solid joys of heaven. Amen.

THE SECOND MYSTERY.

The Ascension.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, forty days after his resurrection, ascended into heaven, attended by angels, in sight of his most holy Mother, and his

Apostles and Disciples, to the great admiration of them all.

Our Father, &c., &c., as before.

The Prayer.

O MOTHER of God, comfort of the afflicted, as thy beloved Son, when he ascended into heaven, lifted up his hands, and blessed his Apostles, so vouchsafe, most holy Mother, to lift up thy pure hands to him for us, that we may enjoy the benefit of his blessing here on earth, and hereafter in heaven. Amen.

THE THIRD MYSTERY.

The Descent of the Holy Ghost.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how our Lord Jesus Christ, being seated on the right hand of God, sent (as he had promised) the Holy Ghost upon his Apostles, who after he

ascended, returning to Jerusalem, continued in prayer and supplication with the blessed Virgin Mary, expecting the performance of his promise.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

SACRED Virgin, tabernacle of the Holy Ghost, we beseech thee, obtain by thy intercession, that this most sweet Comforter, whom thy beloved Son sent down upon his Apostles, filling them thereby with spiritual joy, may teach us in this world the true way of salvation, and make us walk in the paths of virtue and good works. Amen.

THE FOURTH MYSTERY.

The Assumption.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin, twelve years after the resurrection of her Son, passed out of this world unto him, and was by him assumed into heaven, accompanied by the holy angels.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

O MOST prudent Virgin, who entering into the heavenly palace didst fill the holy angels with joy, and man with hope; vouchsafe to intercede for us in the hour of our death, that being free from the illusions and temptations of the devil, we may joyfully and securely pass out of this temporal state to enjoy the happiness of eternal life. Amen.

THE FIFTH MYSTERY.

The Crowning of the Blessed Virgin.

The Meditation.

LET us contemplate in this mystery, how the glorious Virgin Mary was, with great jubilee and exultation of the whole court of Heaven, and particular glory of all the Saints, crowned by her

Son with the brightest diadem of glory.

Our Father, &c., &c.

The Prayer.

O GLORIOUS Queen of all the heavenly citizens, we beseech thee, accept this Rosary, which (as a crown of roses) we offer at thy feet; and grant, most gracious Lady, that by thy intercession our souls may be inflamed with so ardent a desire of seeing thee so gloriously crowned, that it may never die in us, until it shall be changed into the happy fruition of thy blessed sight. Amen.

Hail, holy Queen, &c. *With the verse and prayers as before.*

EJACULATORY PRAYERS.

PROPER TO RAISE THE HEART TO GOD DURING THE DAY, AND TO BE SUGGESTED TO THE DYING TO HELP THEM TO DIE WELL.

1. O my God, I believe in Thee, I hope in Thee, and I love Thee with all my heart.

2. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, earth is full of Thy glory. Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son, Glory be to the Holy Ghost.

(100 *days' Indulgence once a day.*)

3. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul. (100 *days' Indulgence each time.*)

4. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony. (100 *days' Indulgence each time.*)

5. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, let my soul send forth her last sigh in peace with you to aid me.

(100 *days' Indulgence each time.*)

6. O Sacrament most holy! O sacrament divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.

(100 *days' Indulgence once a day.*)

7. Eternal Father! I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus, in satisfaction for my sins, and for the wants of Holy Church.

(100 *days' Indulgence each time.*)

8. My Jesus, mercy.

(100 *days' Indulgence each time.*)

9. May the most just, most

high, most adorable will of God be in all things done, and praised, and forever magnified.

(100 *days' Indulgence once a day.*)

10. Blessed be the Holy and Immaculate Conception of Blessed Mary, the Virgin. (100 *days' Indulgence each time.*)

11. Sweet heart of Mary, be my salvation. (300 *days' Indulgence each time.*)

12. My Queen! my Mother! remember I am thine own. Keep me, guard me, as a thing of thine, thine own possession. (40 *days' Indulgence each time it is said during temptation.*)

13. My sweetest Jesus, be not Thou my Judge but my Saviour. (50 *days' Indulgence each time.*)

14. Angel of God, my guardian dear,
To whom this love commits me here,
Ever this day be at my side,
To light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

100 *days' Indulgence each time; if said daily, a plenary Indulgence once a month, when, after confession and Communion, they visit a church and pray as above.*

15. Jesus, Mary. 25 *days' Indulgence each time*

THE MEMORARE.

16. Remember, Mary, tenderest-hearted Virgin, how from of old the ear hath never heard that

he who ran to thee for refuge, implored thy help, and sought thy prayers, was forsaken of God. Virgin of virgins, Mother, emboldened by this confidence I fly to thee, to thee I come, and in thy presence I a weeping sinner stand. Mother of the Word Incarnate, O cast not away my prayer; but in thy pity hear and answer. Amen.

300 *days' Indulgence each time. If said daily, a Plenary Indulgence once a month, when, after Confession and Communion, they visit a church, and pray there according to the mind of the Sovereign Pontiff*

THE THIRTY DAYS' PRAYER TO THE B. V. MARY,

IN HONOR OF THE SACRED PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST;

By the devout recital of which, for the above space of time, we may mercifully hope to obtain our lawful request. It is particularly recommended as a proper devotion for every day in Lent, and all the Fridays throughout the year.

EVER glorious and blessed Mary, Queen of virgins, Mother of Mercy, hope and comfort of dejected and desolate souls, through that sword of sorrow which pierced thy tender heart whilst thine only Son, Christ Jesus our Lord, suffered death and ignominy on the cross;

through that filial tenderness and pure love he had for thee, grieving in thy grief, whilst from his cross he recommended thee to the care and protection of his beloved disciple, St. John, take pity, I beseech thee, on my poverty and necessities; have compassion on my anxieties and cares; assist and comfort me in all my infirmities and miseries, of what kind soever. Thou art the Mother of Mercies, the sweet Consolatrix and only refuge of the needy and the orphan, of the desolate and the afflicted. Cast, therefore, an eye of pity on a miserable forlorn child of Eve, and hear my prayer; for since, in just punishment of my sins, I find myself encompassed by a multitude of evils, and

oppressed with much anguish of spirit, whither can I fly for more secure shelter, O amiable Mother of my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, than under the wings of thy maternal protection? Attend, therefore, I beseech thee, with an ear of pity and compassion, to my humble and earnest request. I ask it, through the bowels of mercy of thy dear Son; through that love and condescension wherewith he embraced our nature, when, in compliance with the divine will, thou gavest thy consent, and whom, after the expiration of nine months, thou didst bring forth from the chaste enclosure of thy womb, to visit this world, and bless it with his presence. I ask it, through that

anguish of mind wherewith thy beloved Son, our dear Saviour, was overwhelmed on Mount Olivet, when he besought his eternal Father *to remove from him*, if possible, *the bitter chalice* of his future passion. I ask it, through the threefold repetition of his prayers in the Garden, whence afterwards, with dolorous steps and mournful tears, thou didst accompany him to the doleful theatre of his death and sufferings. I ask it, through the welts and sores of his virginal flesh, occasioned by the cords and whips wherewith he was bound and scourged, when stripped of his seamless garment, for which his executioners afterwards cast lots. I ask it, through the scoffs and

ignominies by which he was insulted; the false accusations and unjust sentence by which he was condemned to death, and which he bore with heavenly patience. I ask it, through his bitter tears and bloody sweat; his silence and resignation; his sadness and grief of heart. I ask it, through the blood which trickled from his royal and sacred head when struck with the sceptre of a reed, and pierced with his crown of thorns. I ask it, through the excruciating torments he suffered, when his hands and feet were fastened with gross nails to the tree of the cross. I ask it, through his vehement thirst, and bitter potion of vinegar and gall. I ask it, through his dereliction

on the cross, when he exclaimed, "My God! my God! why hast thou forsaken me?" I ask it, through his mercy extended to the good thief, and through his recommending his precious soul and spirit into the hands of his eternal Father before he expired, saying, "All is consummated." I ask it, through the blood mixed with water, which issued from his sacred side when pierced with a lance, and whence a flood of grace and mercy has flowed to us. I ask it, through his immaculate life, bitter passion, and ignominious death on the cross, at which nature itself was thrown into convulsions, by the burstings of rocks, rending of the veil of the Temple, the earthquake, and

darkness of the sun and moon. I ask it, through his descent into hell, where he comforted the Saints of the old Law with his presence, and led Captivity captive. I ask it, through his glorious victory over death, when he arose again to life on the third day, and through the joy which his appearance for forty days after gave thee his blessed Mother, his Apostles, and the rest of his Disciples; when in thine and their presence he miraculously ascended into heaven. I ask it, through the grace of the Holy Ghost, infused into the hearts of his Disciples, when he descended upon them in the form of fiery tongues, and by which they were inspired with zeal in the conversion of the

world, where they went to preach the Gospel. I ask it, through the awful appearance of thy Son, at the last dreadful day, when he shall come to judge the living and the dead, and the world by fire. I ask it, through the compassion he bore thee, in this life, and the ineffable joy thou didst feel at thine Assumption into heaven, where thou art eternally absorbed in the sweet contemplation of his divine perfections. O glorious and ever-blessed Virgin! comfort the heart of thy suppliant, by obtaining for me

[*Here mention or reflect on your lawful request, under the reservation of its being agreeable to the will of God, who sees*

whether it will contribute towards your spiritual good.]

And as I am persuaded my divine Saviour doth honor thee as his beloved Mother, to whom he can refuse nothing, so let me speedily experience the efficacy of thy maternal affection, and his filial loving heart, who mercifully granteth the requests, and complieth with the desires of those that love and fear him. Wherefore, O most blessed Virgin, besides the object of my present petition, and whatever else I may stand in need of, obtain for me also of thy dear Son, our Lord and our God, a lively faith, firm hope, perfect charity, true contrition of heart, unfeigned tears

of compunction, sincere confession, condign satisfaction, abstinence from sin, love of God and my neighbor, contempt of the world, patience to suffer affronts and ignominies, nay even, if necessary, an opprobrious death itself, for love of thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Obtain likewise for me, O Sacred Mother of God! perseverance in good works, performance of good resolutions, mortifications of self-will, a pious conversation through life, and, at my last moments, strong and sincere repentance, accompanied by such a lively and attentive presence of mind as may enable me to receive the last Sacrament of the Church worthily, and die in thy friendship

and favor. Lastly, obtain, I beseech thee, for the souls of my parents, brethren, relatives, and benefactors, both living and dead, life everlasting. Amen.

A PRAYER

To be daily said by those who carry about with them an Agnus Dei.

O MY Lord Jesus Christ, the true Lamb that takest away the sins of the world! by thy mercy, which is infinite, pardon my iniquities; and by thy sacred passion preserve me this day from all sin and evil. I carry about me this holy *Agnus Dei* in thy honor, as a preservative against my

own weakness, and as an incentive to the practice of meekness, humility, and innocence, which thou hast taught. I offer myself up to thee as an entire oblation, and in memory of that sacrifice of love thou offeredst for me on the Cross, and in satisfaction for my sins. Accept, O my God, the oblation I make, and may it be agreeable to thee in the odor of sweetness. Amen.

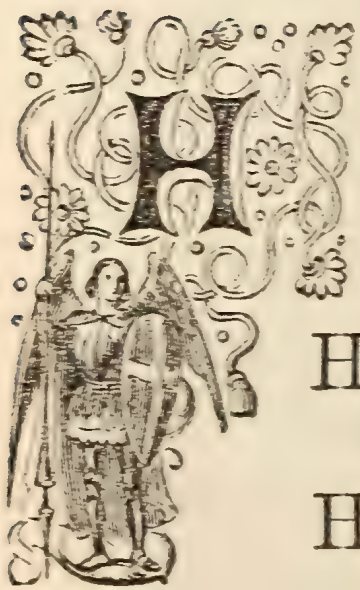
THE LITTLE OFFICE
OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B. V. MARY.

At Matins.

V. Now let my lips sing and display,
R. The Blessed Virgin's praise this day,
V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.



HAIL, Lady of the world,
Of Heaven bright Queen.
Hail, Virgin of Virgins,
Star early seen.
Hail, full of all grace,
Clear light divine.
Lady, to succor us,
With speed incline.

God, from eternity,
Before all other,
Of the world thee ordain'd
To be the Mother.
By which he created
The heavens, sea, land:
His fair spouse he chose
Free from sin's band.

V. God hath elected and pre-elected her.

R. He hath made her dwell in his tabernacle.

Let us Pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Queen of Heaven, and Lady of the world, who neither forsakest nor despisest any, behold me mercifully with the eye of pity, and obtain for me, of thy beloved

Son, pardon for all my sins: that I, who, with devout affection, do now celebrate thy holy conception, may hereafter enjoy the reward of eternal bliss. Through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom thou, a virgin, didst bring forth; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest one God in perfect Trinity, forever and ever. Amen.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Prime.

V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL, virgin most prudent,
House for God placed,
With the sevenfold pillar
And table graced.
Saved from contagion
Of the frail earth:
In the womb of thy parent,
Saint before birth:
Mother of the living,
Gate of Saints' merits,
The new star of Jacob,
Queen of pure spirits:
To Zebulon fearful:
Armies' array:

Be thou of Christians
Refuge and stay.

V. He hath created her in his Holy Spirit.
R. And hath poured her out, over all his works.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord, *&c., as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Third.

V. O Lady, to my help intend:

R. Me strongly from my foes defend.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL, ark of the covenant,
King Solomon's throne,
Bright rainbow of heaven,
The bush of vision.
The fleece of Gideon,
The flow'ring rod;
Sweet honey of Samson,
Closet of God.
'Twas meet Son so noble
Should save from stain
(Wherewith Eve's children
Spotted remain)
The maid whom for mother
He had elected,
That she might be never
With sin infected.

V. I dwell in the highest;
R. And my throne is the pillar of the clouds.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord, *&c., as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Sixth.

V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL, Mother and Virgin:
Of the Trinity
Temple; joy of Angels,
Seal of purity,
Comfort of mourners,
Garden of pleasure,
Palm-tree of patience,
Chastity's measure:
Thou, land sacerdotal,
Art blessed wholly,
From sin original
Exempted solely.
The city of the Highest,
Gate of the East;
Virgin's gem, in thee
All graces rest.

V. As the lily among thorns;
R. So my beloved among the daughters of Adam.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord, *&c., as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Ninth.

V. O Lady, to my help intend;
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL, city of refuge,
King David's tower

Fenced with bulwark,
And armor's power.
In thy conception
Charity did flame;
The fierce dragon's pride
Was brought to shame.
Judith invincible,
Woman of arms,
Fair Abisaig, Virgin,
True David warms,
Son of fair Rachel
Did Egypt store;
Mary of the world
The Saviour bore.

V. Thou art all fair, O my beloved.

R. And original spot was never in thee.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord, *&c., as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Even-Song.

V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL, dial, in which
Turns retrograde,
The sun, ten degrees;
The Word is flesh made,

That man from hell pit
To Heaven might rise,
Th' immense above angels,
In stable lies.
This Son did on Mary
Betimes appear,
Made her conception
A morning clear.
Fair lily among thorns,
That serpent frights,
Clear moon that in dark
The wanderer lights.

V. In Heaven I made a never-failing light rise,
R. And I covered all the world as a mist.

Let us Pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord, *&c., as before.*

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.
V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

At Compline.

V. Let thy Son, Jesus Christ, O Lady, pacified by thy prayers, convert us;
R. And turn his anger from us.
V. O Lady, to my help intend:
R. Me strongly from my foes defend.
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

The Hymn.

HAIL, flourishing Virgin,
Chastity's renown;
Queen of clemency,
Whom stars do crown,
Thou, pure above Angels,
Dost Son behold,
Sitt'st at his right hand,
Attired in gold.
Mother of grace, hope
To the dismay'd:
Bright star of the sea,
In shipwreck, aid:
Grant, Heaven-gate open,
That by thee blest,
We thy Son may see
In blissful rest.

V. Thy name, Mary, is oil poured out.

R. Thy servants have exceedingly loved thee.

Let us pray.

O HOLY Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ, Queen of Heaven, and Lady of the world, who neither forsakest nor despisest any, behold me mercifully with the eye of pity, and obtain for me, of thy beloved Son, pardon for all my sins: that I, who, with devout affection, do now celebrate thy holy conception, may hereafter enjoy the reward of eternal bliss; through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, whom thou, a virgin, didst bring forth; who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest, &c.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer:
R. And let my cry come unto thee.

V. Let us bless our Lord;
R. Thanks be to God.
V. And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

The Commendation.

TO thee, Virgin pious,
We humbly present
These hours canonical
With pure intent.
Guide pilgrims, until
With Christ we meet:
In our agony aid us,
O Virgin sweet. Amen.

This Anthem following, with the Prayer of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin, is approved of by

Pope Paul V., who had granted a hundred days of indulgence to all faithful Christians that shall devoutly recite the same.

Anthem.

THIS is the branch, in which was neither knot of original, nor bark of actual sin found.

V. In thy conception, O Virgin, thou wast immaculate.

R. Pray unto the Father for us, whose Son thou didst bring forth.

Let us pray.

God, who, by the immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin, didst prepare a fit habitation for thy Son, we beseech thee, that, as by the

foreseen death of her same Son thou didst preserve her pure from all spot, so likewise grant, that we, by her intercession made free from sin, may attain unto thee; through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son, who, with thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, one God, world without end. Amen.

A UNIVERSAL PRAYER FOR ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO SALVATION.

MY God, I believe in thee; do thou strengthen my faith. All my hopes are in thee; do thou secure them. I love thee with my whole heart; teach me to love thee daily more and more. I am sorry that I have offended thee; do thou increase my sorrow.

I adore thee as my first beginning, I aspire after thee as my last end. I give thee thanks as my constant benefactor. I call upon thee as my sovereign protector.

Vouchsafe, O my God, to conduct me by thy wisdom; to restrain me by thy justice; to comfort me by thy mercy; to defend me by thy power.

To thee I desire to consecrate all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings; that henceforward I may think only of thee, speak of thee, and willingly refer all my actions to thy greater glory; and suffer willingly whatever thou shalt appoint.

Lord, I desire that in all things thy will may be done, because it is thy will, and in the manner that thou willest.

I beg of thee to enlighten my understanding; to inflame my will; to purify my body, and to sanctify my soul.

Give me strength, O my God, to expiate my offences; to overcome my temptations; to subdue my passions; and to acquire the virtues proper for my state.

Fill my heart with tender affections for thy goodness; a hatred of my faults; a love of my neighbor; and a contempt of the world.

Let me always remember to be submissive to my superiors, condescending to my inferiors, faithful to my friends, and charitable to my enemies.

Assist me to overcome sensuality by mortification; avarice by alms-deeds; anger by meekness; and tepidity by devotion.

O my God, make me prudent in my undertakings; courageous

in dangers; patient in affliction, and humble in prosperity.

Grant that I may be ever attentive at my prayers; temperate at my meals; diligent in my employments, and constant in my resolutions.

Let my conscience be ever upright and pure; my exterior modest; my conversation edifying, and my comportment regular.

Assist me, that I may continually labor to overcome nature; correspond with thy grace; keep thy commandments, and work out my salvation.

Discover to me, O my God, the nothingness of this world; the greatness of heaven; the shortness of time, and the length of eternity.

Grant that I may prepare for death; fear thy judgments; escape hell; and, in the end, obtain heaven: through Jesus Christ. Amen.

INSTRUCTIONS AND DEVOTIONS FOR THE SICK.

F attacked by any serious illness, let it be your first care to send for your spiritual director, and settle the state of your soul; which is much better done at the beginning than afterwards, when the violence of the disorder, or the quality of the remedies, may render you incapable of performing so great a work. Sickness is frequently the punishment of sin, and therefore a sincere repentance and confession is often a more effectual means of recovery than any other.

2. If your Will be not already made, as in prudence it ought, let this also be done in the beginning of your sickness, that so having settled your *temporal concerns*, you may apply your soul without disturbance to your *spiritual ones.*

3. Engage your best friends to give you timely notice whether your distemper be dangerous, and not flatter you with the hopes of life, when there are little or no grounds for hope. Make the best use possible of that time, which perhaps is to be your last. Admit but of few visits, nor of any other discourse but such as may be for the profit of your soul.

4. Be careful also to dis-

charge your debts, and all other obligations incumbent upon you, at the beginning of your sickness: forgive those who have any ways injured you, and ask pardon of those whom you have injured.

5. Receive your sickness as coming from the hands of God, with a perfect resignation to his holy will, and as a just punishment of your offences. Frequently offer yourself up to him, and beg that he would grant you patience, sanctify your sufferings, and accept of them in union with those of Jesus Christ your Saviour, in satisfaction of the punishment due to your sins.

6. Procure some friend to read to you such prayers as are

most affecting and proper for your condition: such as the Penitential Psalms, the Litanies, Acts of the Love of God, of patience, resignation, &c.

7. Place a crucifix, or figure of Christ crucified, always before your eyes, in order to think often upon his passion: hide yourself in spirit in his wounds, and embrace his feet with the utmost affection of your soul.

8. Endeavor, as much as possible, to acquire a penitential spirit during your sickness; call often on God for mercy, and make frequent acts of contrition for your sins. St. Augustin used to say, that no Christian, however innocent his life might have been, ought to venture to

die in any other state than that of a penitent.

A Daily Prayer in Time of Sickness.

LORD Jesus Christ, behold I receive this sickness, with which thou art pleased to visit me, as coming from thy fatherly hand. It is thy will it should be thus with me, and therefore I submit: *thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* May this sickness be to the honor of thy holy name, and to the good of my soul. For this end, I here offer myself with an entire submission to thy appointments; to suffer whatever thou pleasest, as long, and in what manner thou pleasest.

For I thy creature, O Lord, have most ungratefully offended thee, and as my sins have long since cried aloud to heaven for justice, how can I now complain of thy chastisements? No, my God, thou art just in all thy ways; I have truly deserved thy punishment, and therefore can have no reason to complain of thee, but rather of my own wickedness.

Rebuke me not, O Lord, in thy fury, nor chastise me in thy wrath; but have compassion on my weakness. Thou knowest my frailty, and that I am nothing but dust and ashes. Deal not with me, therefore, according to my sins, nor punish me according to my iniquities; but according to the multitude of thy tender

mercies have compassion on me. May thy justice, O Lord, be tempered with mercy; and let thy heavenly grace come to my assistance, to support me under this illness. Enable me with strength from above to bear all the uneasiness, pains, and difficulties of my sickness with Christian patience, and to accept them with cheerfulness, in just punishment of my offences. Preserve me from all temptations, and be thou to me a tower of strength against the assaults of the enemy, that in this illness I may no ways offend thee. And should it be my last, I beg of thee so to direct me by thy grace, that I may neither neglect nor be deprived of those helps

which thou hast, in thy mercy, ordained for the safe conduct of my soul in its passage to eternity; that being perfectly cleansed from all my sins, I may believe in thee, hope in thee, love thee above all things, and, through the merits of thy death and passion, be admitted into the company of the blessed, where I may praise thee forever. Amen.

Acts of the most necessary Virtues to be made in Time of Sickness.

LORD, I accept this sickness from thy hands, and resign myself entirely to thy blessed will, whether it be for life or death. Not my will, but thine

be done: thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

I offer up to thee, O Lord, all that I now suffer, or may hereafter suffer, to be united to the sufferings of my Redeemer, and sanctified by his passion.

I adore thee, O my God and my All, as my first beginning and last end; and bowing down all the powers of my soul in thy presence, desire to pay thee the best homage I am able.

I desire to praise thee, O Lord, without ceasing, in sickness as well as in health: and to join my heart and voice with the whole Church in heaven and on earth, in blessing thee forever.

I give thee thanks from the bottom of my heart for all the

mercies and blessings bestowed upon me and thy whole Church, through Jesus Christ thy Son; and, above all, for his having loved me from all eternity, and redeemed me with his precious blood. O let not that blood be shed for me in vain!

Lord, I believe all those heavenly truths which thou hast revealed, and which thy holy Catholic Church believes and teaches: thou art the sovereign Truth, who neither canst deceive nor be deceived: and thou hast promised the Spirit of Truth to guide thy Church into all truth. *I believe in God the Father Almighty, &c.* In this faith I resolve, through thy grace, both to live and die: O Lord, strengthen and increase my faith.

O my God, all my hopes are centred in thee, from whom I hope for mercy, grace, and salvation, through the passion and death of my blessed Redeemer. In thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: O let me never be confounded.

O sweet Jesus, receive me into thy arms in this day of my distress: hide me within thy wounds, bathe my soul in thy precious blood.

I love thee, O my God, with my whole heart and soul, above all things: at least, I desire so to love thee. O! come now, and take full possession of my soul, and teach me to love thee forever.

I desire to be dissolved, and to be with Christ.

When, O Lord, will thy kingdom come? When wilt thou perfectly reign in all hearts? When shall sin be no more?

I desire to embrace every neighbor in the arms of perfect charity, for the love of thee. I forgive, from my heart, all that have any ways offended or injured me, and ask pardon of all whom I have any ways offended.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy great mercy; and according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my iniquities.

O! who will give water to my head, and fountains of tears to my eyes, that night and day I may bewail my sins!

O! that I had never offended

so good a God! O that I had never sinned! Happy those souls that have preserved their baptismal innocence.

Lord, be merciful to me a sinner; sweet Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me.

I recommend my soul to God my Creator, who made me out of nothing; to Jesus Christ my Saviour, who redeemed me with his precious blood; to the Holy Ghost, who sanctified me in baptism. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

I renounce from this moment, and for all eternity, the devil and all his works; and abhor all his suggestions and temptations. Suffer not this mortal enemy of my soul, O Lord, to have any

dominion over me, either now, or at my last hour. O let thy holy angels defend me from all the powers of darkness.

O holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for me a poor sinner, now, and at the hour of my death. O all ye blessed angels and saints of God, pray for me a poor sinner.

It may also be proper to read the Miserere, *or other penitential psalms, devout acts of contrition, &c., but not too much at a time, lest it might fatigue the sick person.*

LITANY FOR A HAPPY DEATH.

LORD Jesus, God of goodness and Father of mercies, I approach to thee with a contrite and humble heart: to thee I recommend the last hour of my life, and the decision of my eternal doom.

When my feet, benumbed with death, shall admonish me that my mortal course is drawing to the end,

When my eyes, dim and troubled at the approach of death, shall fix themselves on thee, my last and only support,

When my face, pale and

Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.

livid, shall inspire the beholders with pity and dismay; when my hair, bathed in the sweat of death, and stiffening on my head, shall forebode my approaching end,

When my ears, soon to be forever shut to the discourse of men, shall be open to the irrevocable decree, which is to cut me off from the living,

When my imagination, agitated by dreadful spectres, shall be sunk in an abyss of anguish; when my soul, affrighted with the sight of my iniquities and the terrors of thy judgments, shall have to fight against the angel of darkness, who will endeavor to conceal thy

Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.

mercies from my eyes, and to plunge me into despair,

When my poor heart, yielding to the pressure, and exhausted by its frequent struggles against the enemies of its salvation, shall feel the pangs of death,

When the last tear, the forerunner of my dissolution, shall drop from my eyes, receive it as a sacrifice of expiation for my sins; grant that I may expire the victim of penance, and in that dreadful moment,

When my friends and relations, encircling my bed, shall shed the tear of pity over me, and invoke thy clemency in my behalf,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.

When I shall have lost the use of my senses, when the world shall have vanished from my sight, when my agonizing soul shall feel the sorrows of death,

When my last sigh shall summon my soul to burst from the embraces of the body, and to spring to thee on the wings of impatience and desire,

When my soul, trembling on my lips, shall bid adieu to the world, and leave my body lifeless, pale, and cold, receive this separation as a homage which I willingly pay to thy Divine Majesty, and in that last moment of my mortal life,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.

When at length my soul, admitted to thy presence, shall first behold the splendor of thy Majesty, reject me not, but receive me into thy bosom, where I may forever sing thy praises, and in that moment, when eternity shall begin to me,

Merciful Jesus, have mercy upon me.

Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast doomed all men to die, but hast concealed from all the hour of their death, grant that I may pass my days in the practice of holiness and justice, and that I may deserve to quit this world in the peace of a good conscience, and in the embraces of thy love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LITANY FOR THE SICK, AND PREPARATION FOR DEATH.

ORD, have mercy upon him (her or me).

Christ, have mercy upon him, &c.

Lord, have mercy upon him, &c.

O God the Father, Creator of the world, *have mercy on him, &c.*

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on him, &c.*

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfecter of the Elect, *have mercy on him, &c.*

O Blessed Trinity, three Persons and one God, *have mercy on him, &c.*

Holy Mother of God,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels,
All ye blessed company of the Just,
All ye holy Patriarchs and Prophets,
All ye holy Apostles and Evangelists,
All ye holy Disciples of our Lord,
All ye holy Martyrs,
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
All ye holy Virgins and Widows,
All ye holy Saints of God, *Make intercession for him* (*her or me*).

Pray for him (*her or me*).

Have mercy, *O Lord! and spare him, &c.*

Have mercy, *O Lord! and hear him, &c.*

From all his sins and offences, and the punishment due to them,
From all temptations, and the snares of the Devil,
From all impatience, and repining at thy just chastisements,
From dejection of spirit, and diffidence in thy mercies,
From all undue fears of death, and all immoderate desires of life,
From distraction of mind, and neglect of his preparation for eternity,
By thy Cross and Passion,
By thy Death and Burial,

Deliver him (her or me), O Lord!

By thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension,
By the grace of the Holy Ghost the Comforter,
In the hour of death and in the day of judgment,
We sinners *beseech thee to hear us.*

Deliver him (her or me), O Lord!

That it would please thee to comfort him in his sorrows, and enable him to look beyond death, to the blessed state it leads to,
That it would please thee to remind him of all thy mercies, and by them encourage him to a sure confidence in thee,
That thou wouldst vouchsafe him the grace to order all his temporal affairs with

We beseech Thee to hear us!

prudence, justice, and charity; and with a free and quiet mind wholly to attend to dispose himself for heaven,

That thou wouldst sanctify this thy fatherly correction of him; that the sense of his weakness may add strength to his faith, and seriousness to his repentance,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe him the grace to confess sincerely; to repent of all his sins, and grant him perfect remission and forgiveness of them,

That thou wouldst vouchsafe him the grace heartily to forgive all those that have offended him; and to

We beseech Thee to hear us!

satisfy, to the utmost of his power, whoever hath suffered the least prejudice by him,

That being thus reconciled to thee, and to all the world, he may, with assured hope and steadfast faith, receive the sacrament of thy blessed body; and may the strength of that heavenly food cheer his fainting spirits, and carry him on with joy, in thy favor, to the end,

That a patient submission under the pains of his sickness may expiate the punishment due to his sins, diminish his love of this world, and increase his desire of the next,

We beseech Thee to hear us!

That in whatever thy providence hath ordained concerning him, he may readily acquiesce, and both in life and death be always thine,

We beseech Thee to hear us!

Son of God, *We beseech Thee to hear us!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, *Have mercy on us!*

Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us. *Our Father*, &c.

O Lord, hear my prayer.
And let my cry come unto thee.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, in whose hands are life and death; whose infinite wisdom disposes all things advantageously for them who love thee; behold thy servant, whom thou hast cast upon a bed of sickness; comfort, we beseech thee, his afflicted spirit; increase his faith, strengthen his hope, and perfect his charity: sanctify for him all his sufferings, and if thy mercy shall restore him to his health, may he carefully correct the errors of his past life. If it please thee to call him out of this world, grant that he may

pass safely through the shades of death, transported by thy holy angels into the mansions of bliss, where no fear shall trouble him, no pain afflict him, nor grief disturb the quiet of his mind; but pure delight, unspeakable joys, and perfect security shall be forever confirmed to him, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer before Extreme Unction.

LORD Jesus Christ, who, in thy great mercy, hast provided powerful resources for all our necessities; grant me grace to have recourse to them with such dispositions, that my soul may partake of all those great advantages and salutary

effects, which thou hast appointed in their institution. Thou hast instituted the sacrament of Extreme Unction for the benefit of the sick, who in their extremity stand more particularly in need of grace and consolation. I now desire to receive this heavenly medicine, for the ends for which it has been instituted. Grant, I beseech thee, that this holy Unction may produce in me all its happy fruits; by healing my soul, by fortifying me against all temptations, by supporting me in the hour of anguish and distress, and by preparing me for a happy passage, or for whatever may be thy holy will. If thou foreseest that my health will be conducive to thy greater glory,

and expedient for my eternal salvation, let this be the means to restore it. I absolutely submit to thy will: I wish not so much to live as to serve thee. Dispose of me as thou knowest best; all I desire is the accomplishment of thy will; give me health or sickness, life or death; give me whatever thou pleasest; not my will but thine be done; it is a greater happiness to fulfil thy will than to enjoy ten thousand lives. How happy should I be, if the destruction of my body could repair the injuries I have offered to thy divine Majesty! My eyes, alas! have seen vanities; my ears have been open to detractions, to profane and unprofitable discourses; my

tongue has many ways offended both in speaking and tasting, my hands have contributed to many follies; my feet have often gone astray in the paths of vanity and sin. By this holy anointing, and by the prayers of thy Church, pardon me, O Jesus, all the sins which I have committed by my senses. Let those avenues, through which sin has made its way into my soul, be now shut to the world. Let my eyes be open to thee alone. Let my ears be attentive to thy commandments. Let my tongue be solely employed in soliciting for mercy. Let my prayers ascend like incense in thy sight. Let my hands be lifted up to heaven for pardon. Let my feet

walk in thy ways, and let my heart be the living temple of the Holy Ghost. Into thy hands, O dear Jesus, I commend my spirit. In thee I will live, in thee I will die, in thee I will abide, and in thee I hope to possess eternal rest forever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer after Extreme Unction.

O MY God, thou hast created, redeemed, and sanctified me; thou hast preserved me in many dangers, both of soul and body. Thou hast nourished me with the adorable Sacrament of thy body and blood, and granted me to receive the rites of thy Church, preferably

to so many others, who were carried off by a sudden death, without having been favored with those succors which thou hast bestowed upon me, a most ungrateful sinner. For these, and all other blessings, I offer thee innumerable thanks; to thee I resign my heart; receive it for a holocaust. I do not desire to be freed from my pains; thou knowest what is best for me; take from me all murmuring; give me patience to suffer whatever thou pleasest; if it be thy divine pleasure to inflict on my weak body greater punishments than I now suffer, my heart is ready, O Lord, my heart is ready to accept them, and to suffer in whatever manner and measure shall

be most conformable to thy will. This one grace I most earnestly beg of thee, my God, that I may die the death of thy elect, and be admitted, after the sufferings and tribulations of this transitory life, into the kingdom of thy glory, there to see and enjoy thee, in the company of the blessed, for all eternity. Amen.

LITANY FOR A SOUL DEPARTING.

ORD, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,
All ye holy Angels and Archangels.
Holy Abel,
All ye choirs of the just,
Holy Abraham,
St. John the Baptist,
St. Joseph,
All ye patriarchs and prophets,
St. Peter,
St. Paul,
St. Andrew,
St. John,

Pray for him (her).

All ye holy apostles and evangelists,
All ye holy disciples of the Lord,
All ye holy innocents,
St. Stephen,
St. Laurence,
All ye holy martyrs,
St. Sylvester,
St. Gregory,
St. Augustin,
All ye holy Bishops and Confessors,
St. Benedict,
St. Francis,
All ye holy monks and hermits,
St. Mary Magdalen,
St. Lucy,
All ye holy virgins and widows,

Pray for him (her).

All ye saints of God, *make intercession for him (her).*
Be merciful, *Spare him (her), O Lord.*
Be merciful,
From thy anger,
From the danger of death,
From an unhappy death,
From the pains of hell,
From all evil,
From the power of the devil,
By thy nativity,
By thy cross and passion,
By thy death and burial,
By thy glorious resurrection,
By thy admirable ascension,
By the grace of the Holy Ghost, the Comforter,
In the day of judgment,
Deliver him (her), O Lord.
We sinners, *Beseech thee to hear us,*

That thou spare him (*her*), *We beseech thee to hear us.*
Lord, have mercy on us!
Christ, have mercy on us!
Lord, have mercy on us!

Let us pray.

DEPART, Christian soul, out of this world, in the name of God the Father Almighty, who created thee: in the name of Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who suffered for thee: in the name of the Holy Ghost, who sanctified thee: in the name of the angels, archangels, thrones, and dominations, cherubim and seraphim: in the name of the patriarchs and prophets, of the holy apostles and evangelists, of the holy martyrs and confessors, of

the holy monks and hermits, of the holy virgins, and of all the saints of God, let thy place be this day in peace, and thy abode in holy Sion, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

If the dying person be in his senses, the following Acts may be made.

An Act of Thanksgiving.

O MY God! you have created, redeemed, and sanctified me. You have preserved me in many dangers, both of soul and body. You have fed me with thy most blessed body and blood. You have shown immense patience in bearing with my repeated crimes, and often called me to repentance. For these and all

other blessings bestowed upon me a most ungrateful sinner, I offer you innumerable thanks.

Act of Resignation.

O MY God, I cheerfully receive the certain summons of my death. It is a greater happiness to fulfill your will, than to enjoy ten thousand lives. O happy news of my departure! I shall soon hear the choirs of angels sing your immortal praises. Let slow death hasten on, that dying I may no more offend you, but live with you, and love you eternally.

Act of Contrition.

I AM truly and heartily sorry for all my sins, not through

the fear of hell, or hope of reward, but for the love of thee, my God and only God; and were I beginning, as I am ending my life, I would not offend thee for a thousand worlds. O my God, do not despise a contrite and humble heart.

If the sick party still continue in distress of agony, it would be proper for the assistants to read again the foregoing Litany and Prayers as often as may be necessary.

The soul being now departed, the following Responsory is said.

R. Come to his (*her*) assistance, all ye saints of God; meet him (*her*), all ye angels of the Lord; * Receiving his (*her*) soul; * Pre-

senting it in the sight of the Most High.

V. May Christ who called thee receive thee, and the angels conduct thee into the bosom of Abraham.

R. Receiving his (*her*) soul, and presenting it in the sight of the Most High.

V. Eternal rest grant him (*her*), O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon him (*her*).

Presenting it in the sight of the Most High.

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

R. Christ, have mercy on us.

V. Lord, have mercy on us.

Our Father, &c.

V. And lead us not into temptation.

R. But deliver us from evil.

V. Eternal rest grant him (*her*), O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon him (*her*).

V. From the gates of hell.

R. Deliver his (*her*) soul, O Lord.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer.

R. And let my supplication come to thee.

Let us pray.

TO thee, O Lord, we commend the soul of thy servant N., that being dead to this world, he (*she*) may live to thee. And whatever sins he (*she*) has committed through human frailty, we beseech thee in thy goodness

mercifully to pardon, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

Then, for a conclusion, may be added the following Prayer for the assistants.

GRANT, O Lord, that while we here lament the departure of thy servant, we may ever remember, that we are most certainly to follow him (*her*). Give us grace to prepare for that last hour, by a good life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden death, but be ever watching when thou shalt call, that so with the spouse we may enter into eternal glory, through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE LITANY FOR THE DEAD.

ORD, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Jesus, receive our prayers.

Lord Jesus, grant our petitions.

O God the Father, Creator of the world, have mercy on the souls of the faithful departed.

O God the Son, Redeemer of mankind, deliver the souls of the faithful departed.

O God the Holy Ghost, perfecter of the elect, accomplish the bliss of the faithful departed.

Blessed Virgin Mary, who, by

the special privilege of grace, wast triumphantly assumed into the kingdom of thy Son, pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

Blessed angels, who, ordering aright the first act of your will, were fixed forthwith in unchangeable happiness,

Blessed patriarchs, who were filled with joy when the Desired of Nations put an end to your captivity,

Blessed prophets, who, after patiently awaiting the arrival of the Messiah, were at length consoled by a visit from him in person,

Blessed saints, who, at the glorious resurrection of

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our Saviour, were translated from Limbo to the visible presence of God,

Blessed apostles, who, at the last day, shall sit to judge the twelve tribes of Israel,

Blessed disciples of our Lord, who followed his steps in the narrow paths of perfection,

Blessed martyrs, who passed through the sea of your own blood, entering immediately into the land of promise,

Blessed confessors, who despised the vanity of the earth, and placed your affections on the joys of heaven,

Blessed virgins, who, with

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your lighted lamps, awaited the coming of the heavenly spouse,

O holy saints, who, being freed from all irregular attachment to creatures, were perfectly fitted for an immediate union with your Creator.

Pray for the, &c.

Be merciful, O Lord, and pardon their sins.

Be merciful, O Lord, and hear their prayers.

From the shades of death, where the light of thy countenance shineth not,

From the evils, to which immortification in this world must expose them in the other,

From thy displeasure, pro-

Deliver them, O Lord!

voked by negligence and ingratitude,

From the pains of purgatory, so justly inflicted upon unexpiated sins,

From the torments incomparably greater than the bitterest anguish of this life,

By the multitude of thy mercies, ever compassionate to human frailties,

By the virtue of thy cross, whereon thou reconciledst the world to thy Father,

By thy victorious descent into hell, to break the chains of death,

By thy glorious resurrection from the tomb, to open the kingdom of heaven,

By thy triumphant ascen-

Deliver them, O Lord!

sion into heaven, to lead captivity captive,

By thy dread coming to judge the world,

Deliver them, O Lord!

We sinners beseech thee to hear us.

That it please thee to hasten the day when thy faithful shall be delivered from the mansions of sorrow,

That it please thee to shorten the time of their expiation, and to admit them speedily into thy heavenly sanctuary,

That it please thee, through the prayers and good works performed in thy Church, to receive them into thy eternal tabernacles,

We beseech Thee to hear us!

That it please thee to accept, in atonement for their sins, the infinite value of thy unbloody sacrifice,

That the blessed view of Jesus may comfort them, and his unfading glory shine upon them,

That the whole triumphant Church may soon celebrate their deliverance; and the choirs of angels sing new hymns of joy on their never ending happiness,

That we ourselves may share in their triumph, and unite with all the citizens of heaven in eternal alleluias,

Son of God,

Lamb of God, who shalt come with glory to judge the living

We beseech Thee to hear us!

and the dead, give rest to the souls of the faithful departed!

Lamb of God, at whose presence the heavens and the earth shall be moved, give rest to the souls of the faithful departed!

Lamb of God, in whose book of life the names of thy elect are inscribed, give rest to the souls of the faithful departed!

The Antiphon.

DELIVER us, O Lord, from eternal death, in that tremendous day when the heavens shall be moved and the earth: whilst thou shalt come to judge the world by fire. We tremble and are sore afraid at the discussion which will take place,

and at thy future wrath, when the heavens shall be moved, and the earth; whilst thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

That day is a day of wrath, of calamity, and of misery: a great and a most bitter day; whilst thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

Give them, O Lord, eternal rest: and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen.

Let us pray.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant to the souls of thy servants departed the remission of all their sins, that, by means of pious supplications, they may

obtain the pardon which they have ever earnestly desired; who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

ANGELICAL CROWN IN HONOR OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL.

IT is a pious tradition, that the Archangel Michael told a holy personage that he would be well pleased by that person's bringing into use the following prayers in his honor and in honor of all the angelic host; and that he would repay those who practised this devotion with signal favors, particularly in such times as the Catholic Church should experience some special trial. In this belief, a holy Carmelite nun, of the convent of Vetralla, in the diocese of Viterbo, who died with the reputation of sanctity in the year 1751, made it her delight to practise this method of prayer, commonly call-

ed the "Angelic Chaplet;" and it was at the prayer of the nuns of her convent that his Holiness Pius IX., by a decree of the S. Congr. of Rites, dated August 8, 1851, granted the following Indulgences:

i. THE INDULGENCE OF SEVEN YEARS AND SEVEN QUARANTINES every time the Chaplet is said.

ii. THE INDULGENCE OF 100 DAYS daily to any one who carries this Chaplet about him, or kisses the medal with the representation of the holy angels appended to the said Chaplet.

iii. THE PLENARY INDULGENCE once a month to every one, who says daily this Chaplet on any one day when, after Confession and Communion, he shall pray

for the exaltation of our holy Mother the Church and the safety of the Sovereign Pontiff.

iv. THE PLENARY INDULGENCE, with the conditions above named, on—

1. The Feast of the Apparition of St. Michael. May 18.

2. The Dedication of St. Michael. September 29.

3. St. Gabriel the Archangel. March 18.

4. St. Raphael the Archangel. October 24.

5. Holy Angel Guardians. October 2.

To gain these Indulgences, a chaplet must be used consisting of nine *Our Fathers*, and three *Hail Marys* after each *Our Father*, with four *Our Fathers* at

the end; the following corresponding salutations being said at the same time in their proper order, with the antiphon and prayer at the end as given below. These Chaplets must be blessed by the actual father confessor of the convent of Vetralla, or some other priest who has obtained faculties for this purpose.

METHOD OF PRACTISING THIS DEVOTION.

Every one, according to his ability, makes an act of sincere contrition by way of preface, kneeling before a representation of the holy Archangel; then he says with devotion the following salutations:

V. Incline unto my aid, O God.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

FIRST SALUTATION.

One Our Father and three Hail Marys, to the First Angelic Choir.

BY the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of the Seraphim, may it please God to make us worthy to receive into our hearts the fire of His perfect charity. Amen.

SECOND SALUTATION.

One Our Father and three Hail Marys, to the Second Angelic Choir.

BY the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly

choir of the Cherubim, may God in His good pleasure grant us grace to abandon the ways of sin, and follow the path of Christain perfection. Amen.

THIRD SALUTATION.

One Our Father and three Hail Marys, to the Third Angelic Choir.

BY the intercession of St. Michael and the sacred choir of the Thrones, may it please God to infuse into our hearts a true and earnest spirit of humility. Amen.

FOURTH SALUTATION.

One Our Father and three Hail Marys, to the Fourth Angelic Choir.

BY the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of the Dominations, may it please God to grant us grace to have dominion over our senses, and to correct our depraved passions. Amen.

FIFTH SALUTATION.

One Our Father and three Hail Marys, to the Fifth Angelic Choir.

BY the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of the Powers, may God vouchsafe to keep our souls

from the wiles and temptations of the devil. Amen.

SIXTH SALUTATION.

One Our Father and three Hail Marys, to the Sixth Angelic Choir.

BY the intercession of St. Michael and the choir of the admirable heavenly Virtues, may it please God to keep us from falling into temptation, and may He deliver us from evil. Amen.

SEVENTH SALUTATION.

One Our Father and three Hail Marys, to the Seventh Angelic Choir.

BY the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly

choir of the Principalities, may it please God to fill our souls with the spirit of true and hearty obedience. Amen.

EIGHTH SALUTATION.

One Our Father and three Hail Marys, to the Eighth Angelic Choir.

BY the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of Archangels, may it please God to grant us the gift of perseverance in the faith and in all good works, that we may thereby be enabled to attain unto the glory of paradise. Amen.

NINTH SALUTATION.

One Our Father and three Hail Marys, to the Ninth Angelic Choir.

BY the intercession of St. Michael and the heavenly choir of all Angels, may God vouchsafe to grant us their safe-conduct through this mortal life, and after death a happy entrance into the everlasting glory of heaven. Amen.

Then say four Our Fathers in conclusion; the first to St. Michael, the second to St. Gabriel, the third to St. Raphael, the fourth to our Angel Guardian.

This exercise then ends with the following Antiphon:

ANTIPHON.

MICHAEL, glorious Prince, chief and champion of the heavenly host, guardian of the souls of men, conqueror of the rebel angels, steward of the palace of God, under Jesus Christ our worthy captain, endowed with superhuman excellence and virtue; vouchsafe to free us all from every ill, who with full confidence have recourse to thee; and by thy incomparable protection enable us to make progress each day in the faithful service of our God.

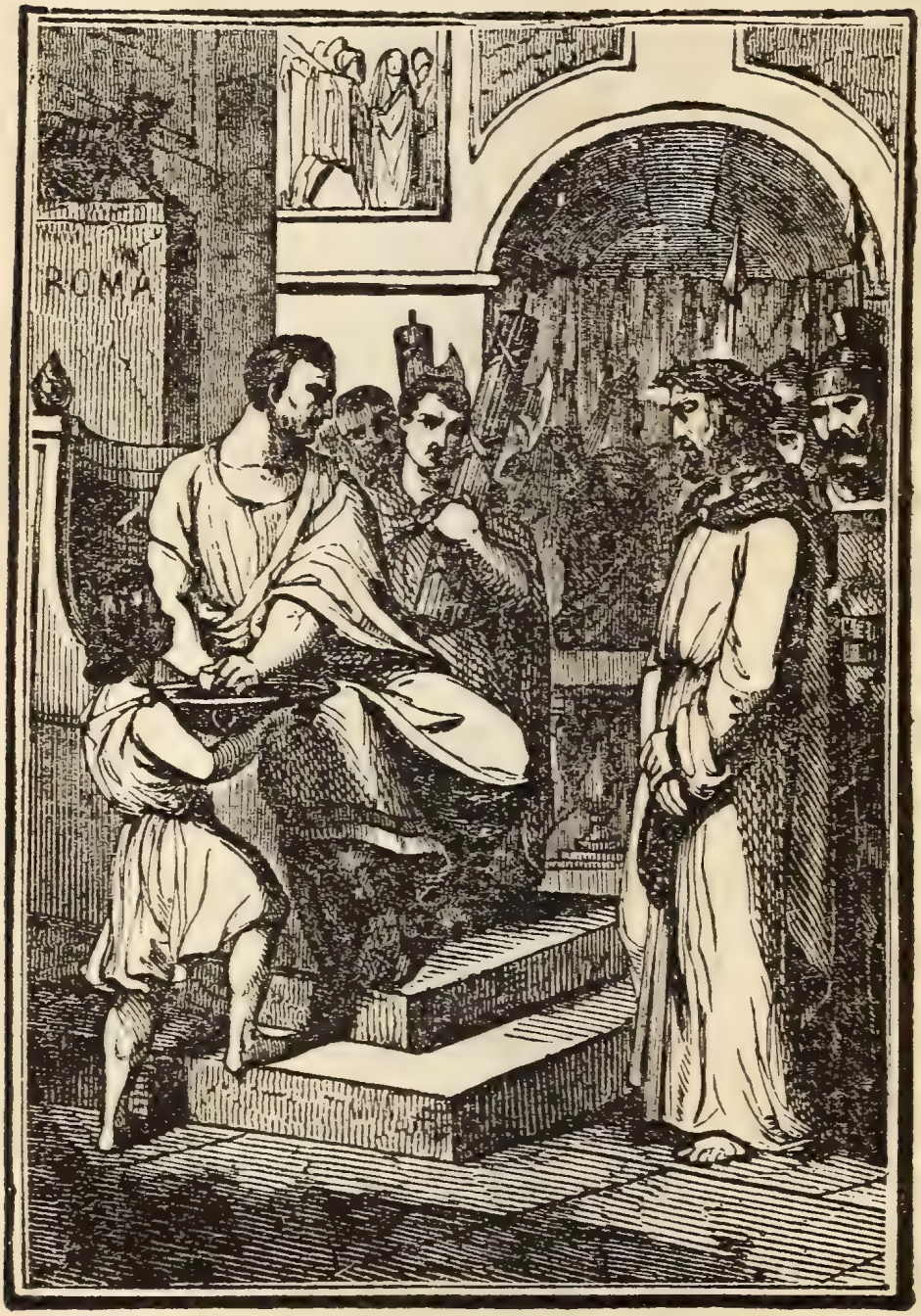
V. Pray for us, most blessed Michael, prince of the Church of Jesus Christ.

R. That we may be made worthy of His promises.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who in Thine own marvellous goodness and pity didst, for the common salvation of man, choose the glorious Archangel Michael to be the prince of Thy Church; make us worthy, we pray thee, to be delivered by his beneficent protection from all our enemies, that at the hour of our death no one of them may approach to harm us; rather do Thou vouchsafe unto us that by the same Archangel Michael we may be introduced into the presence of thy high and heavenly Majesty. Through the merits of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE STATIONS; OR, THE HOLY WAY OF THE CROSS.



THOSE who perform devoutly the "Way of the Cross" may gain all the indulgences which have ever been granted by Popes to the faithful who visit in person the sacred places in Jerusalem. All, however, who wish to gain these Indulgences by means of this devotion must bear in mind, that it is indispensably required of them to meditate, according to their abilities, on the Passion of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and to go from one station to the other so far as the number of persons engaged in the devotion, and the confined space where the fourteen stations are erected, will admit.

Begin with an Act of Contrition, p. 21.

STATION I.

Jesus Condemned to Death.

V. We adore thee, O Christ, and bless thee.

R. Because by thy holy Cross thou hast redeemed the world.

MY Jesus, oft have I signed thy death warrant by my sins; save me by thy death from that death eternal I deserve.

Our Father, Hail Mary, &c.

V. Lord have mercy on us.

R. Have mercy on us.

Passing on from one station to another, say:

Holy Mother, pierce me through,
In my heart each wound renew,
Of my Saviour crucified.

STATION II.

Jesus Bears His Cross.

V. We adore thee, &c.

MY Jesus, who by thine own will didst take on thee the cross I made for thee by my sins; oh, make me feel their heavy weight, and sorrow for them ever while I live.

Our Father, &c. V. Lord have mercy, &c.

STATION III.

Jesus falls the first time beneath the Cross.

V. We adore thee, &c.

MY Jesus, the heavy burden of my sins is on thee, and bears thee down beneath

the cross. My Jesus, I loathe them, I detest them, I call on thee to pardon them: may thy grace aid me never to commit them more.

Our Father, &c. V. Lord have mercy, &c.

STATION IV.

Jesus meets His Mother

V. We adore thee, &c.

JESUS most suffering! Mary, Mother most sorrowful! if for the past by sin I have caused you pain and anguish, yet, by God's assisting grace, it shall be so no more; rather be ye my love henceforth till death.

Our Father, &c V. Lord have mercy, &c.

STATION V.

Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross.

V. We adore thee, &c.

MY Jesus, blest, thrice blest was he who aided thee to bear the cross. Blest shall I be, if I too aid thee to bear the cross, by patiently bowing my neck to the crosses thou shalt send me during life. My Jesus, give me grace to do so.

Our Father, &c. V. Lord have mercy, &c.

STATION VI.

Jesus and Veronica.

V. We adore thee, &c.

MY tender Jesus, who didst deign to print thy sacred

face upon the cloth with which Veronica dried the sweat from off thy brows; print in my soul deep, I pray thee, the lasting memory of thy bitter pains.

Our Father, &c. V. Lord have mercy, &c.

STATION VII.

Jesus falls again.

V. We adore thee, &c.

MY Jesus, oft have I sinned, and oft by sin beat thee to the ground beneath the Cross. Help me to use the efficacious means of grace, that I may never fall again.

Our Father, &c. V. Lord have mercy, &c.

STATION VIII.

Jesus comforts the women of Jerusalem.

V. We adore thee, &c.

MY Jesus, who didst comfort the pious women of Jerusalem, who wept to see thee bruised and torn; comfort my soul with thy tender pity, for in thy pity lies my trust. May my heart ever answer thine!

Our Father, &c. V. Lord have mercy, &c.

STATION IX.

Again, a third time, Jesus falls.

V. We adore thee, &c.

MY Jesus, by all thy bitter woes thou didst endure, when a third time the

heavy cross bowed thee to the earth, oh, never, never, let me fall away; but rather let me die than ever mortally sin again. Amen. Amen.

Our Father, &c. V. Lord have mercy, &c.

STATION X.

Jesus stripped and drenched.

V. We adore thee, &c.

MY Jesus, stripped naked of thy clothes, and drenched with gall, strip me from love of things of earth, and make me loathe all that savors of the world and sin.

Our Father, &c. V. Lord have mercy, &c.

STATION XI.

Jesus nailed to the Cross.

V. We adore thee, &c.

MY Jesus, by thine agony when the cruel nails pierced thy tender hands and feet, and fixed them to the cross, oh, make me crucify my flesh with Christian penance.

Our Father, &c. V. Lord have mercy, &c.

STATION XII

Jesus dies.

V. We adore thee, &c.

MY Jesus, three hours didst thou hang in agony, and then die for me; then let me die before I sin, and if I live,

live for thy love and faithful service.

Our Father, &c. V. Lord have mercy, &c.

STATION XIII.

Jesus taken from the Cross and laid on Mary's bosom.

V. We adore thee, &c.

MARY, Mother most sorrowful, the sword of grief went through thy soul when thou didst see Jesus lying lifeless on thy bosom; ask for me hatred of sin, because sin slew thy Son, and wounded thine own heart, and then grace to live a Christian life, and save my soul.

Our Father, &c. V. Lord have mercy, &c.

STATION XIV.

Jesus laid in the tomb.

V. We adore thee, &c.

MY Jesus, beside thy body in the tomb I too would lie dead; and if I live, live but to thee, so one day to taste heaven's bliss with thee, fruit of thy passion and thy bitter death. Amen.

Our Father, &c. V. Lord have mercy, &c.

Let us pray.

GOD, who by the Precious Blood of thy only-begotten Son didst sanctify the standard of the Cross, grant, we beseech thee, that we who rejoice in the glory of the same Holy

Cross, may feel everywhere the gladness of thy sovereign protection. Through the same Christ our Lord.

End with one Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory, for the intention of the Sovereign Pontiff.

VESPERS;

OR,

EVENING SONG FOR SUNDAY.

V. DEUS in adjutorium meum intende.

R. Domine, ad adjuvandum me festina.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Alleluja.

vel,

Laus tibi, Domine, Rex æternæ gloriæ.

Antiphona. Dixit Dominus.
Ant. Alleluja.

V. O GOD, come to my assistance.

R. O Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Allelujah.

or,

Praise be to thee, O Lord, King of eternal glory.

The Antiphon. The Lord said.
Ant. Allelujah.

Psalmus 109.

IXIT Dominus Domino meo:
*Sede a dextris meis:
· Donec ponam inimicos tuos,* scabellum pedum tuorum.
Virgam virtutis tuæ emittet Dominus ex Sion:
*dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum.

Tecum principium in die virtutis tuæ in splendoribus sanctorum:
* ex utero ante luciferum genui te.
Juravit Dominus, et non pœnitebit eum: * Tu es Sacerdos in æternum, secundum ordinem Melchisedech.

Psalm 109.

THE Lord said to my Lord:
Sit on my right hand:
Until I make thy enemies the footstool of thy feet.

The Lord will send the sceptre of thy power out of Sion: rule thou in the midst of thy enemies.

Dominion shall be with thee in the day of thy power, in the brightness of the saints: from the womb before the day-star I begat thee.

The Lord swore, and it shall not repent him: thou art a priest forever, according to the order of Melchisedech.

Dominus a dextris tuis, * confregit in die iræ suæ reges.

Judicabit in nationibus, implebit ruinas: *conquassabit capita in terra multorum.

De torrente in via bibet: * propterea exaltabit caput.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant. Dixit Dominus Domino meo: Sede a dextris meis.

Ant. Fidelia.

Psalmus 110.

CONFITEBOR tibi Domine in toto corde meo: * in concilio justorum et congregatione.

The Lord at thy right hand hath broken kings in the day of his wrath.

He shall judge among nations, he shall fill ruins: he shall crush the heads in the land of many.

He shall drink of the torrents in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. The Lord said to my Lord: Sit thou at my right hand.

Ant. All his commandments.

Psalm 110.

I WILL praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: in the council of the just, and in the congregation.

Magna opera Domini: * exquisita in omnes voluntates ejus.

Confessio et magnificentia opus ejus: * et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Memoriam fecit mirabilium suorum, misericors et miserator Dominus: * escam dedit timentibus se.

Memor erit in sæculum testamenti sui: * virtutem operum suorum annuntiabit populo suo.

Ut det illis hæreditatem Gentium: * opera manuum ejus veritas et judicium.

Fidelia omnia mandata ejus: confirmata in sæculum sæculi: * facta in veritate et equitate.

Great are the works of the Lord: sought out according to all his wills.

His work is praise and magnificence and his justice continueth forever and ever.

He hath made a remembrance of his wonderful works, being a merciful and gracious Lord: he hath given food to them that fear him.

He will be mindful forever of his covenant: he will show forth to his people the power of his works.

That he may give them the inheritance of the Gentiles: the works of his hands are truth and judgment.

All his commandments are faithful: confirmed forever and ever, made in truth and equity.

Redemptionem misit populo suo: *mandavit in æternum testamentum suum.

Sanctum et terribile nomen ejus: *initium sapientiæ timor Domini.

Intellectus bonus omnibus facientibus eum: *laudatio ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant. Fidelia omnia mandata ejus: confirmata in sæculum sæculi.

Ant. In mandatis.

Psalmus 111.

BEATUS vir qui timet Dominum: * in mandatis ejus volet nimis.

Potens in terra erit semen

He hath sent redemption to his people, he hath commanded his covenant forever.

Holy and terrible is his name; the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

A good understanding to all that do it: his praise continueth forever and ever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. All his commandments are faithful: confirmed forever and ever.

Ant. In his commandments.

Psalm 111.

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty

ejus: * generatio rectorum benedicetur.

Gloria et divitiæ in domo ejus: et justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi.

Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis: * misericors, et miserator, et justus.

Jucundus homo qui miseretur et commodat, disponet sermones suos in judicio: * quia in æternum non commovebitur.

In memoria æterna erit justus: * ab auditione mala non timebit.

Paratum cor ejus sperare in Domino, confirmatum est cor ejus: * non commovebitur donec despiciat inimicos suos.

upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

Glory and wealth shall be in his house: and his justice remaineth forever and ever.

To the righteous a light is risen up in darkness: he is merciful, and compassionate, and just.

Acceptable is the man that showeth mercy and lendeth: he shall order his words with judgment: because he shall not be moved forever.

The just shall be in everlasting remembrance: he shall not fear the evil hearing.

His heart is ever ready to hope in the Lord: his heart is strengthened; he shall not be moved, until he look over his enemies.

Dispersit, dedit pauperibus: justitia ejus manet in sæculum sæculi: * cornu ejus exaltabitur in gloria.

Peccator videbit et irascetur, dentibus suis fremet et tabescet: * desiderium peccatorum peribit.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Ant. In mandatis ejus cupit nimis.

Ant. Sit nomen Domini.

Psalmus 112.

LAUDATE pueri Dominum; * laudate nomen Domini.

Sit nomen Domini benedictum, * ex hoc nunc, et usque in sæculum.

He hath distributed, he hath given to the poor, his justice remaineth forever and ever: his horn shall be exalted in glory.

The wicked shall see, and shall be angry; he shall gnash with his teeth and pine away: the desire of the wicked shall perish.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. In his commandments he has great delight.

Ant. Let the name of the Lord.

Psalm 112.

PRAISE the Lord, ye children; praise ye the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from henceforth now and forever.

A solis ortu usque ad occasum, * laudabile nomen Domini.

Excelsus super omnes gentes Dominus, * et super cœlos gloria ejus.

Quis sicut Dominus Deus noster, qui in altis habitat, * et humilia respicit in cœlo et in terra?

Suscitans a terra inopem, * et de stercore erigens pauperem.

Ut collocet eum cum principibus, * cum principibus populi sui.

Qui habitare facit sterilem in domo, * matrem filiorum lætantem.

Gloria Patri, &c.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the name of the Lord is worthy of praise.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is as the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high: and looketh down on the low things in heaven and in earth?

Raising up the needy from the earth, and lifting up the poor out of the dung-hill:

That he may place them with princes, with the princes of his people.

Who maketh a barren woman to dwell in a house, the joyful mother of children.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. Sit nomen Domini benedictum in sæcula.

Ant. Nos qui vivimus.

Psalmus 116.

LAUDATE Dominum omnes gentes: * laudate eum omnes populi.

Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus: * et veritas Domini manet in æternum.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Nos qui vivimus benedicamus Domino.

Tempore Paschali.

Ant. Alleluja, Alleluja, Alleluja.

Capitulum, 2 *Cor.* i.

BENEDICTUS Deus, et Pater Domini nostri Jesu Christi,

Ant. Let the name of the Lord be blessed forever.

Ant. We that live.

Psalm 116.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people.

For his mercy is confirmed upon us: and the truth of the Lord remaineth forever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ant. We that live bless our Lord.

In Paschal Time.

Ant. Allelujah, Allelujah, Allelujah

The Little Chapter, 2 Cor. i.

BLESSED be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus

Pater misericordiarum, et Deus totius consolationis, qui consolatur nos in omni tribulatione nostra.

R. Deo gratias.

Hymnus.

LUCIS Creator optime,

Lucem dierum proferens,

Primordiis lucis novæ,
Mundi parans originem.
Qui mane junctum vesperi,

Diem vocari præcipis,

Tetrum chaos illabitur;

Audi preces cum fletibus.

Christ, the Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation.

R. Thanks be to God.

The Hymn.

CREATOR of the radiant light,
Fountain of bliss, essential sight,
Emitting splendor's orient beam,
The world's creation to proclaim.
Who, with the morn's enliv'ning ray,
Dispell'st the shades and ca.l'st the day;
Approaching night o erspreads the spheres,
Now gracious hear our sighs and tears.

Ne mens gravata crimine,

Vitæ sit exul munere;
Dum nil perenne cogitat,
Seseque culpis illigat.
Cœleste pulsat ostium,

Vitale tollat præmium;
Vitemus omne noxium;

Purgemus omne pessimum.
Præsta, Pater piissime;
Patrique compar Unice,
Cum Spiritu Paraclito,
Regnans per omne sæculum.
Amen.

V. Dirigatur, Domine, oratio mea,
R. Sicut incensum in conspectu tuo.

Distain'd with guilt and foul
offence,
Let not a sudden summons hence,
Present us at thy awful seat,
Victims of fleeting vain deceit.
But rather while at mercy's
door
Contrite our treasons we deplore,
Admit thy suppliants; grant us
peace,
That triumph of thy saving grace.
Eternal Father, lend thine ear;
Co-equal Son, receive our prayer:
O Holy Ghost, we cry to thee,
God! three in one eternally.
Amen.

V. Let my prayer like incense,

R. Ascend to thee, O Lord.

Canticum B. Mariæ Virginis.

Luke i.

MAGNIFICAT * anima mea Dominum: Et exultavit spiritus meus * in Deo salutari meo.

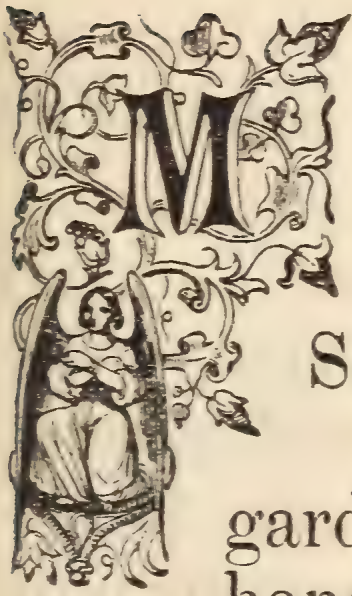
Quia respexit humilitatem ancillæ suæ; * ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes.

Quia fecit mihi magna, qui potens est: * et sanctum nomen ejus.

Et misericordia ejus a progenie in progenies * timentibus eum.

The Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary, called the Magnificat.

LUKE i.



MY soul doth magnify the Lord:

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

Because he hath regarded the humility of his handmaid: for behold from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath done great things to me: and holy is his name.

And his mercy is from generation to generation, to them that fear him.

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo; * dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.

Deposuit potentes de sede, * et exaltavit humiles.

Esurientes implevit bonis; * et divites dimisit inanes.

Suscepit Israel puerum suum, * recordatus misericordiæ suæ.

Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros, * Abraham et semini ejus in sæcula.

Gloria Patri, &c.

Then follows the prayer, which is different every day.

P. Dominus vobiscum.
R. Et cum spiritu tuo.

He hath showed might in his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart:

He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent away empty.

He hath received Israel his servant, being mindful of his mercy.

As he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Then follows the prayer, which is different every day.

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with thy spirit.

P. Benedicamus Domino
R. Deo Gratias.
P. Fidelium animæ, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace.
R. Amen.

Then is sung one of the following anthems, according to the time.

From Advent to the Purification.

Alma Redemptoris mater, quæ pervia cœli,
Porta manes, et stella maris, succurre cadenti,
Surgere qui curat populo, tu quæ genuisti,
Natura mirante, tuum sanctum genitorem,
Virgo prius ac posterius: Gabrielis ab ore,

P. Let us bless the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.
P. May the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
R. Amen.

Then is sung one of the following anthems, according to the time.

From Advent to the Purification.

Mother of Jesus, heaven's open gate,
Star of the sea, support the falling state
Of mortals; thou whose womb thy Maker bore,
And yet, strange thing, a Virgin as before;
Who didst from Gabriel's hail, this news receive;

Sumens illud ave, peccatorum miserere.

In Advent.

P. Angelus Domini nuntiavit Mariæ;

R. Et concepit de Spiritu Sancto.

P. Oremus.

Gratiam tuam quæsumus, Domine, mentibus nostris infunde; ut qui, angelo nuntiante, Christi Filii tui incarnationem cognovimus, per passionem ejus et crucem, ad resurrectionis gloriam perducamur; per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Repenting sinners by thy prayers relieve.

In Advent.

P. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.

P. Let us pray.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ thy Son has been made known by the message of an angel, may, by his passion and cross, be brought to the glory of his resurrection: through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

After Advent.

P. Post partum virgo inviolata permansisti.

R. Dei genitrix, intercede pro nobis.

P. Oremus.

Deus qui salutis æternæ beatæ Mariæ Virginitate fœcunda humano generi præmia præstitisti: tribue, quæsumus, ut ipsam pro nobis intercedere sentiamus, per quam meruimus Auctorem, vitæ suscipere Dominum nostrum Jesum Christum, Filium tuum.

R. Amen.

After Advent.

P. After childbirth thou didst remain a pure Virgin.

R. Mother of God, intercede for us.

P. Let us pray.

O God, who by the fruitful Virginity of the blessed Virgin Mary, hast given to mankind the rewards of eternal salvation; grant, we beseech thee, that we may be sensible of the benefits of her intercession, by whom we have received the Author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son.

R. Amen.

From the Purification until Easter.

Ave, Regina Cœlorum,

Ave, Domina Angelorum,

Salve, radix. Salve, porta

Ex qua mundo lux est orta·

Gaude, Virgo gloriosa,

Super omnes speciosa;
Vale, O valde decora,

Et pro nobis Christum exora.

P. Dignare me laudare te, Virgo, sacrata.

From the Purification until Easter.

Hail, Mary, queen of heavenly spheres!
Hail, whom the angelic host reveres!
Hail, fruitful root, hail sacred gate!
Whence the world's light derives its date.
O glorious maid, with beauty blessed!
May joys eternal fill thy breast:
Thus crowned with beauty and with joy,
Thy prayers with Christ for us employ.

P. Vouchsafe, O sacred Virgin, to accept my praises.

R. Da mihi virtutem contra hostes tuos.

P. Oremus.

Concede misericors Deus, fragilitati nostræ præsidium; ut qui sanctæ Dei genitricis memoriam agimus, intercessionis ejus auxilio a nostris iniquitatibus resurgamus; per eundem Christum Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

From Easter until Trinity.

Regina cœli, lætare
Alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare,
Alleluia,
Resurrexit, sicut dixit,
Alleluia.

R. Give me power against thy enemies.

P. Let us pray.

Grant us, O merciful God, strength against all our weakness; that we, who celebrate the memory of the holy mother of God, may, by the help of her intercession, rise again from our iniquities: through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

From Easter until Trinity.

O Queen of heaven, rejoice; Alleluia.

For he whom thou didst deserve to bear, Alleluia,

Is risen as he said:

Alleluia.

Ora pro nobis Deum.
Alleluia.

P. Gaude et lætare, Virgo Maria,
Alleluia.
R. Quia surrexit Dominus vere,
Alleluia.
P. Oremus.

DEUS qui, per resurrectionem Filii tui, Domini nostri, Jesu Christi, mundum lætificare dignatus es; præsta, quæsumus, ut per ejus genitricem Virginem Mariam perpetuæ capiamus gaudia vitæ; per eundem Christum, Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

Pray for us to God;
Alleluia.

P. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary: Alleluia.

R. Because our Lord is truly risen: Alleluia.

P. Let us pray.

O GOD, who by the resurrection of thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, hath been pleased to fill the world with joy; grant, we beseech thee, that by the Virgin Mary, his mother, we may receive the joys of eternal life: through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

From Trinity Sunday until Advent.

SALVE Regina, mater misericordiæ, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evæ. Ad te suspiramus gementes et flentes, in hac lacrymarum valle. Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Jesum benedictum fructum ventris tui nobis post hoc exilium ostende; O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria!

P. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei Genitrix.

R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

P. Oremus.

From Trinity Sunday until Advent.

HAIL, O Queen, O mother of mercy; hail, our life, our comfort, and our hope; we, the banished children of Eve, cry out unto thee. To thee we send up our sighs, groaning and weeping in this vale of tears. Come, then, our advocate, and look upon us with those thy pitying eyes. And after this our banishment, show us Jesus, the blessed fruit of thy womb; O merciful, O pious, O sweet Virgin Mary!

P. Pray for us, O holy mother of God!

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

P. Let us pray.

OMNIPOTENS, sempiterne Deus, qui gloriosæ Virginis Matris Mariæ, corpus et animam, ut dignum Filii tui habitaculum effici mereretur, Spiritu Sancte co-operante, præparasti; da, ut cujus commemoratione lætamur ejus pia intercessione ab instantibus malis, et a morte perpetua liberemur; per eundem Christum, Dominum nostrum.

R. Amen.

P. Divinum auxilium maneat semper nobiscum.

R. Amen.

ALMIGHTY and eternal God, who, by the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst prepare the body and soul of the glorious Virgin Mother Mary, that she might become a worthy habitation for thy Son, grant, that as with joy we celebrate her memory, so by her pious intercession we may be delivered from present evils and eternal death: through the same Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

P. May the divine assistance always remain with us.

R. Amen.

At the Benediction, the following Hymn is usually sung, or at least the latter part of it, beginning with *Tantum ergo.*

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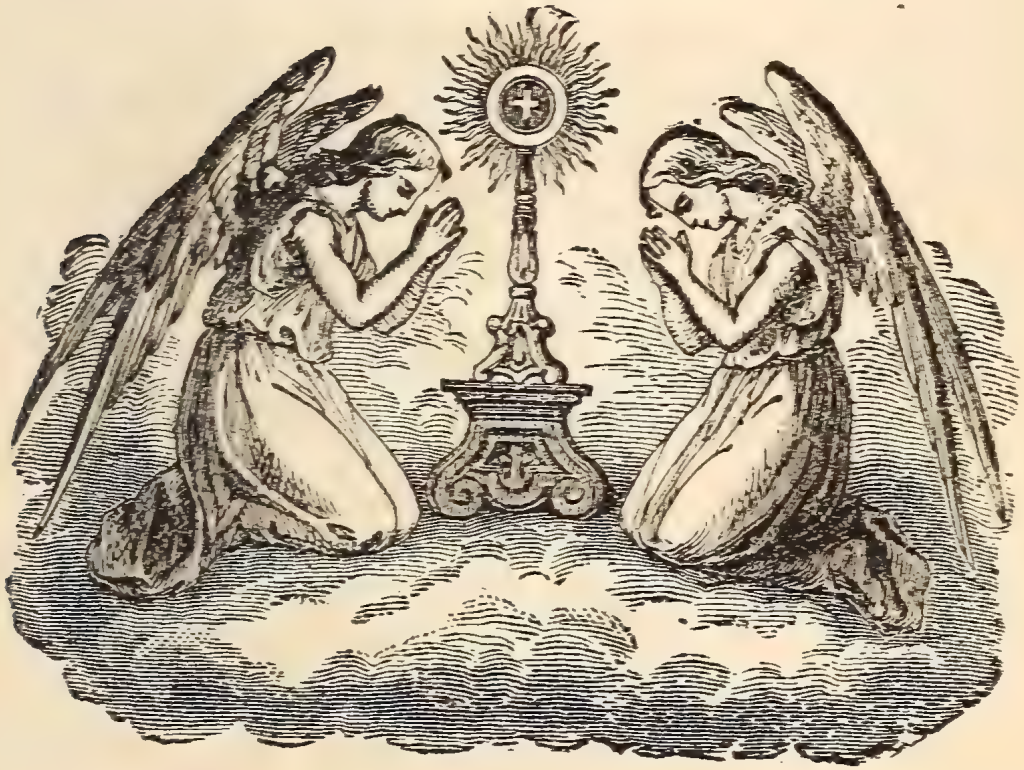
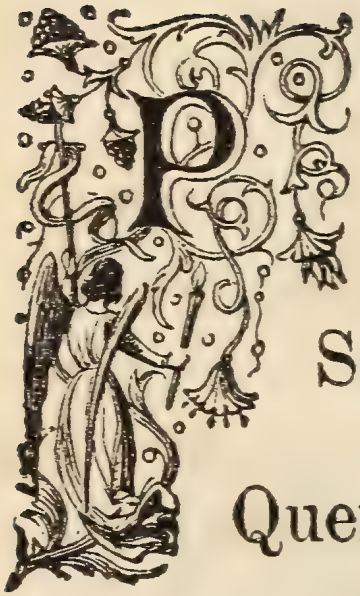


HYMN.



ANGE lingua gloriosi,
Corporis mysterium,
Sanguinisque pretiosi,
Quem in mundi pretium,
Fructus ventris generosi,
Rex effudit gentium.

Nobis datus, nobis natus,
Ex intacta virgine,
Et in mundo conversatus,

HYMN.

SING, O my tongue, adore and praise
The depth of God's mysterious ways:
How Christ, the world's great king, bestowed
His flesh concealed in human food,
And left mankind the blood that paid
The ransom for the souls he made.
Given from above, and born for man,
From Virgin's womb his life began;
He lived on earth, and preached to sow

Sparso verbi, semine;

Sui moras incolatus

Miro clausit ordine.

In supremæ nocte cœnæ,

Recumbens cum fratribus,

Observata lege plene,

Cibis in legalibus,
Cibum turbæ duodenæ

Se dat suis manibus.

Verbum caro, panem verum

Verbo carnem efficit:

The seeds of heavenly truth below:
Then sealed his mission from above
With strange effects of power and love.
'Twas on that evening when the last,
And most mysterious supper past—
When Christ with his disciples sat,
To close the law with legal meat,
Then to the twelve himself bestowed
With his own hands to be their food.
The Word made flesh for the love of man,
By his word turns bread to flesh again;

Fitque sanguis Christi merum,

Et si sensus deficit;
Ad firmandum cor sincerum
Sola fides sufficit.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur, cernui:

Et antiquum documentum

Novo cedat ritui:
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.
Genitori, Genitoque,
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque

Sit et benedictio:

Procedenti ab utroque

And wine to blood, unseen by
sense,
By virtue of Omnipotence;
And here the faithful rest secure,
Whilst God can vouch, and faith
insure.
To this mysterious table now
Our knees, our hearts, and sense
we bow:
Let ancient rites resign their
place
To nobler elements of grace,
And faith for all defects supply,
Whilst sense is lost in mystery.
To God the Father, born of none,
To Christ, his co-eternal Son,
And Holy Ghost, whose equal
rays
From both proceed, one equal
praise:
One honor, jubilee, and fame

Compar sit laudatio.
Amen.

P. Panem de cœlo præstitisti eis, Alleluia.
R. Omne delectamentum in se habentem. Alleluia.
P. Ora pro nobis, sancta Dei genitrix;
R. Ut digni efficiamur promissionibus Christi.

P. Oremus.

Deus, qui nobis sub sacramento mirabili passionis tuæ memoriam reliquisti; tribue, quæsumus, ita nos corporis et sanguinis tui sacra mysteria venerari, ut redemptionis tuæ fructum in nobis jugiter sentiamus. Qui vivis, &c.

Forever bless his glorious name.
Amen.

P. Thou hast given them bread from heaven. Alleluia.

R. Replenished with all sweetness and delight. Alleluia.

P. Pray for us, O holy mother of God;

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

The Prayer.

O God, who in this wonderful sacrament hast left us a memorial of thy passion, grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of thy sacred body and blood, that our souls may be always sensible of the fruit of thy redemption. Who livest, &c.

THE CHAPLET OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

To be said before or after receiving Communion, or at the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Chaplet consists of thirty-three aspirations after each of which may be added an *Our Father, &c.*, and at the end of each decade a *Glory be to the Father, &c.*

GOD, come to my assistance. Glory, &c.

FIRST DECADE.

Acts of Faith, Hope, and Charity.

I. I believe, O my Jesus, thy

divine word, that under this appearance of bread thou thyself art here present as thou art in heaven. *Our Father, &c.*

II. I believe that thou art the divine Son, eternally equal to the Father, that by the operation of the Holy Ghost thou didst take human flesh of the Blessed Virgin. *Our Father, &c.*

III. I believe that thou art the same Jesus who was born of Mary ever Virgin, adored an infant by thy angels, by the shepherds and the magi. *Our Father, &c.*

IV. I believe, O my Redeemer, here present in Sacrament, that thou art the same Jesus of Nazareth who didst heal the sick and didst raise the dead, who for us

didst suffer and die upon the Cross. *Our Father, &c.*

V. I believe, finally, that thou thyself, now sitting glorious at the right hand of thy Father in heaven, and there interceding for me, yet art verily present in this Sacrament, my nourishment on earth. *Our Father, &c.*

VI. O most loving Jesus, who in this Sacrament hast left me a pledge of future glory, I hope through the merits of thy death and passion, to behold thee face to face in heaven. *Our Father, &c.*

VII. O Jesus, cause of our glorious resurrection, I hope, through the virtue of this divine food, wherewith thou nourishest

me, to rise to life eternal. *Our Father, &c.*

VIII. I love thee, O Jesus, who art perfect charity, who art true God and true man, in whom are contained the treasures of the divinity, and all the fulness of grace which descends to us upon this earth. *Our Father, &c.*

IX. I love thee, dear Jesus, who, for love of me, hast made thyself like unto me; kindle within me the flame of sacred love which thou didst bring from heaven, that, loving thee, I may grow into thy likeness. *Our Father, &c.*

X. I love thee, O divine Jesus, my Lord and Master, because thou hast redeemed and freed me, poor slave of sin, with thy all-

precious blood. Oh, of thy sweet mercy, grant that I may enjoy the full fruit of thy redemption. *Glory be to the Father, &c.*

SECOND DECADE.

Acts of Adoration.

I. I adore thee, O living bread, descended from heaven for my spiritual food; give me grace worthily to receive thee in life and in death. *Our Father, &c.*

II. I adore thee, divine food of the strong; strengthen my weakness, that I may ever be constant and faithful to thy love. *Our Father, &c.*

III. I adore thee, O my Jesus, hidden beneath the sacramental veil; let my life be hidden

through thee, in God. *Our Father, &c.*

IV. I adore thee, great God, who art the only way; make me ever to walk in the path of thy precepts, and after thy shining example, that so I may arrive at eternal salvation. *Our Father, &c.*

V. I adore thee, O Jesus, true and spiritual life of all who love thee; give me grace to die to myself, and to live to thee alone, who didst die for the love of me. *Our Father, &c.*

VI. I adore thee, my dear Redeemer, truth ineffable; enliven, I beseech thee, and increase my faith, that it may be fruitful in good works. *Our Father, &c.*

VII. I adore thee, O Jesus,

divine light of the world; illuminate my mind, that, knowing, I may love thee, and may come to enjoy thee eternally in heaven. *Our Father, &c.*

VIII. I adore thee, O loving Shepherd; draw to thyself this wounded sheep, that it may never more leave thy fold, to fall into the hands of the infernal wolf. *Our Father, &c.*

IX. I adore thee, divine Lamb, who, for the sins of the world, didst give thyself to be slain; grant that I may bear all my sufferings patiently for thy sake, in satisfaction for my sins. *Our Father, &c.*

X. I adore thee, O Jesus, King of glory, Judge of the living and the dead; make me on earth so

to fear thy justice, that in heaven I may eternally sing thy mercy. *Glory be to the Father, &c.*

THIRD DECADE.

Acts of Thanksgiving.

I. I thank thee, O divine Redeemer, that, not content with having for our sakes come upon the earth, thou hast instituted this adorable Sacrament, that therein thou mightst remain with us unto the consummation of the world. *Our Father, &c.*

II. I thank thee, O glorious Jesus, that thou dost veil, beneath the eucharistic species, thy infinite majesty and beauty, which thy angels delight to behold, that so I might have courage to

approach the throne of thy mercy. *Our Father, &c.*

III. I thank thee, O Jesus most loving, that, having made thyself my food, thou descendest upon this tongue, which so often has offended thee, and dost enter within this body, which, alas, has too often deserved to be visited with thy anger. *Our Father, &c.*

IV. I thank thee, my dear Saviour, that in this ineffable Sacrament thou unitest me to thee with so much love, that I therein live in thee, and thou in me. *Our Father, &c.*

V. I thank thee, O my good Jesus, that, giving thyself to me in this blessed Sacrament, thou hast so enriched it with the

treasures of thy love: that thou hast not, thou canst not, thou knowest not, what greater gift to give me. *Our Father, &c.*

VI. I thank thee, O my good Jesus, that not only thou art become my food, but also in this blessed Sacrament offerest thyself a continual sacrifice for my salvation, to thy eternal Father. *Our Father, &c.*

VII. I thank thee, divine Priest, for that every day thou dost sacrifice thyself upon our altars, in adoration and homage to the most Blessed Trinity, and dost supply for our poor and miserable adorations. *Our Father, &c.*

VIII. I thank thee, O my Saviour, because, renewing in this

daily sacrifice the very sacrifice of the cross offered on Calvary, thou dost satisfy the divine justice for us miserable sinners. *Our Father, &c.*

IX. I thank thee, dear Jesus, that thou hast become the priceless Victim, to merit for me the fulness of celestial favors. Awaken in me such trust that their abundance may ever more and more descend upon my soul. *Our Father, &c.*

X. I thank thee, my loving Saviour, that thou art immolated in thanksgiving to God for all his benefits, spiritual and temporal, which he has bestowed upon me, and which I yet hope to receive. *Glory be to the Father, &c.*

THREE FINAL ASPIRATIONS.

Our Father, &c., at the end of each.

I. Jesus, invisible and divine Head of thy spouse the Church, who, with thy blood, hast purified her from all stain, have mercy upon her visible head, N., upon all bishops and pastors (especially N. our own Bishop), and shed upon them thy holy Spirit, wherewith thy apostles and disciples were filled, that they may maintain thy holy faith pure and untouched, and may spread over the whole world the light of thy Gospel and of thy Catholic truth.

II. O Jesus, King of kings,

Lord of governors, by whom monarchs do reign, and from whom all earthly power comes, mercifully behold our rulers, and those in authority: infuse into them the spirit of thy divine wisdom, clemency, and justice, so that they may be great with thee rather than on earth, and may enter with thee into thy heavenly kingdom.

III. O Jesus, all merciful, who didst not will the death of a sinner, but that he should be converted, and rise to a spiritual life, triumph, I beseech thee, over all those who obstinately offend thee, so that, acquiring thy grace in this world, they may become worthy of the glory of thy heavenly Paradise for all eternity.

SHORT PRAYER TO THE MOST HOLY VIRGIN IN HER DESOLATION.

100 *days' Indulgence each time it is said with contrite heart.*

The Prayer.

HAIL Mary, full of sorrows, the Crucified is with thee: tearful art thou amongst women, and tearful is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of the Crucified, give tears to us, crucifiers of thy Son, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

CHAPLET OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS.

POPE Pius VII., granted, by two Rescripts, May 31, 1809, and Oct. 18, 1815:

i. THE INDULGENCE OF SEVEN YEARS AND SEVEN QUARANTINES, once a day, to all who shall say with devotion the Chaplet in honor of the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ.

ii. THE PLENARY INDULGENCE, once a month, to all who, having said it every day for a month, shall Confess and Communicate, and pray for the Holy Church, &c.

iii. THE 300 DAYS INDULGENCE,

daily to all who say the prayer "Most Precious Blood, &c.," for which see page 543.

This Chaplet is made up of seven Mysteries, in which we meditate upon the seven times on which Jesus Christ for love of us shed blood from His most innocent Body; at each Mystery, except the last, we are to say five *Our Fathers* and one *Glory be to the Father*; and at the last, three *Our Fathers* only and one *Glory be to the Father*, thus making up the entire number of thirty-three, in remembrance of the thirty-three years during which the Precious Blood of Jesus was enclosed in His veins, before it was all poured out for our salvation. The Chaplet ends

with the devout prayer, "Most Precious Blood, &c."

Any one who cannot meditate may gain the above Indulgences by only saying devoutly the thirty-three *Our Fathers* which make up the Chaplet.

THE CHAPLET.

V. Incline unto my aid O God.

R. O Lord make haste to help me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

First Mystery.

Jesus shed Blood in His Circumcision.

Five Our Fathers, one Glory, &c.

We beseech Thee, therefore,

help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood.

Second Mystery.

Jesus shed Blood in the Agony in the Garden.

Five Our Fathers, one Glory, &c.

We beseech Thee, &c

Third Mystery.

Jesus shed Blood in His Scourging.

Five Our Fathers, one Glory, &c.

We beseech Thee, &c.

Fourth Mystery.

Jesus shed Blood in His crowning with Thorns.

Five Our Fathers, one Glory, &c.

We beseech Thee, &c.

Fifth Mystery.

Jesus shed Blood in carrying His Cross.

Five Our Fathers, one Glory, &c.

We beseech Thee, &c.

Sixth Mystery.

Jesus shed Blood in His Crucifixion.

Five Our Fathers, one Glory, &c.

We beseech Thee, &c.

Seventh Mystery.

Jesus shed Blood and Water from His wounded Side.

Three Our Fathers, one Glory, &c.

We beseech Thee, &c.

PRAYER.

MOST Precious Blood of life eternal! price and ransom of the world! the soul's drink and the soul's bath, ever pleading man's cause before the throne of heavenly Mercy; from the depths of my soul I adore Thee: fain would I, were I able, make Thee some compensation for the outrages and wrongs Thou dost ever suffer from Thy creature man, and most from those who in their rashness dare to blaspheme Thee. Who will not bless this Blood of value infinite? who not burn for love of Jesus,

who shed it all for us? What were I but for this Blood, which hath redeemed me? Who drew thee out of my Jesus' veins to the last drop? Love, of a surety, love! O boundless love, which gave to us this saving Balm! O Balm beyond all price, welling from the Fount of immeasurable love! Give to all hearts, all tongues power to praise, hymn, and thank Thee, now and ever, and throughout all eternity. Amen.

V. Thou hast redeemed us, O Lord, with Thy Blood.

R. And made us a kingdom to our God.

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hast appointed Thine only-begotten Son the Saviour of the world, and hast willed to be appeased with His Blood, grant us, we beseech Thee, so to venerate this price of our salvation, and by its might so to be defended upon earth from the evils of this present life, that in heaven we may rejoice in its everlasting fruit. Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

THE SCAPULARS.

THERE are five Scapulars approved of in the Church:

I. The Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. In order to share in the privileges and Indulgences attached to this, or any of the other Scapulars, you must, 1. Have it blessed, and be invested with it by a Priest who has the power. 2. You must wear it devoutly.

Those who wish to gain the yet greater privileges granted in the Bull "Sabbatina" of John XXII.,* must, 1. Preserve chas-

* According to this Bull, those who die with this Scapular on, may piously hope to be freed from Purgatory on the Saturday next after their death.

tity, each one according to his state of life. 2. Say the Breviary, or the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin, every day; but if they are unable to read, or are otherwise prevented, this latter condition may be commuted by any duly authorized Priest.

II. The Black Scapular of Our Lady of Sorrows.

III. The Blue Scapular of the Immaculate Conception.

The Indulgences granted to those who wear this Scapular are most numerous, including all those granted to any religious Order, or to any person or place. By reciting six *Our Fathers*, *Hail Marys*, and *Glorys*, in honor of the Most Holy Trinity, and of Our Immaculate Lady,

may be gained all the Indulgences of Rome, of the Portiuncula, of Jerusalem, and of St. James of Compostella.

IV. The Scapular of the Most Holy Trinity is made of a white woollen material, with a red and blue cross, also of wool, in the centre. It represents the Habit of the Order of Trinitarians. The Redemptorist Fathers have faculties to bless all these Scapulars. If a Scapular is worn out or lost, another may be procured and put on without being blessed. If a person takes it off, or ceases to wear it from whatever cause, he can himself put it on again, and recover his right to all the privileges and Indulgences.

The principal Indulgences at-

tached to these four Scapulars are:

1. Four Plenary Indulgences for those who approach the Sacraments on the day they receive the four Scapulars.

2. The same at the hour of death.

3. Plenary Indulgence on July 16th, Feast of the Blessed Virgin of Mount Carmel, or on any one day within the octave.

4. Plenary Indulgence on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.

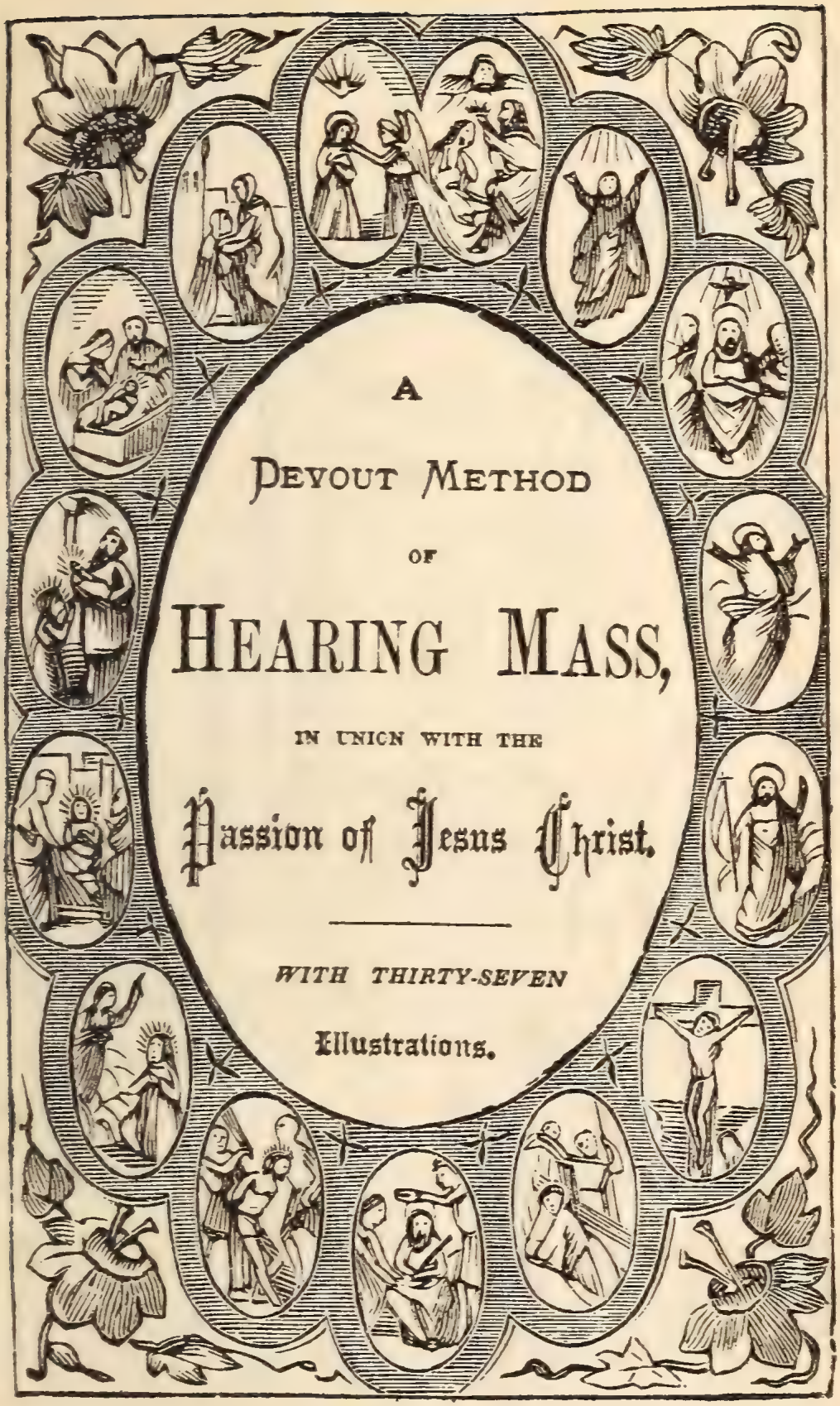
☞ In order to gain any Indulgence whatever, you must be in the state of grace. Besides this, for a Plenary Indulgence the *ordinary* conditions are, to go to Confession and Communion, and

to pray for the intention of the Pope.

V. The Red Scapular of the Passion of the most Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, and of the most loving and sorrowful Heart of the ever Immaculate Virgin Mary. The following are among the Indulgences granted to those who wear it:

1. A Plenary Indulgence every Friday, to those members of the Sacred Passion who, after Confession and Communion, shall meditate devoutly for some time on our Lord's Passion, and pray for peace among Christian States, the extirpation of heresy, and the exaltation of the Church.*

* The Communion may be made on Sunday by those who cannot receive on Friday.



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DEVOUT METHOD

OF

HEARING MASS,

IN UNION WITH THE

Passion of Jesus Christ.

WITH THIRTY-SEVEN

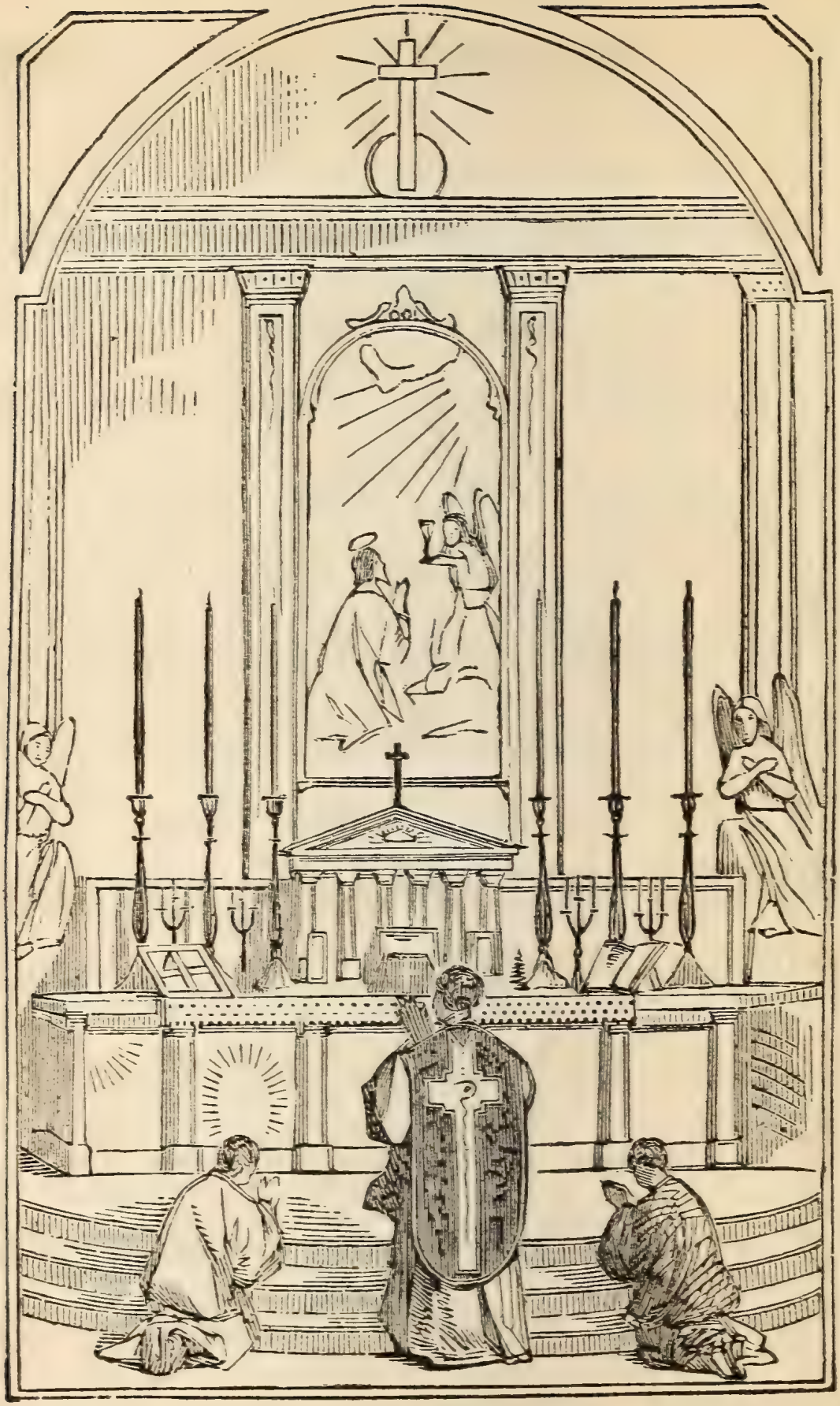
Illustrations.

JESUS ENTERS THE GARDEN.

THE PRIEST GOES TO THE ALTAR.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who, when thy passion drew nigh, didst, for me, a wretched sinner, fear and grow sad, grant that I may ever direct all my sorrows unto thee, who art the God of my heart; and thou, O Lord, in union of thy passion and sorrow, assist me to bear them with patience, that, by the merits of thy sufferings, they may become profitable to my soul. Amen.



JESUS PRAYS IN THE GARDEN.

THE PRIEST BEGINS MASS.

The Prayer

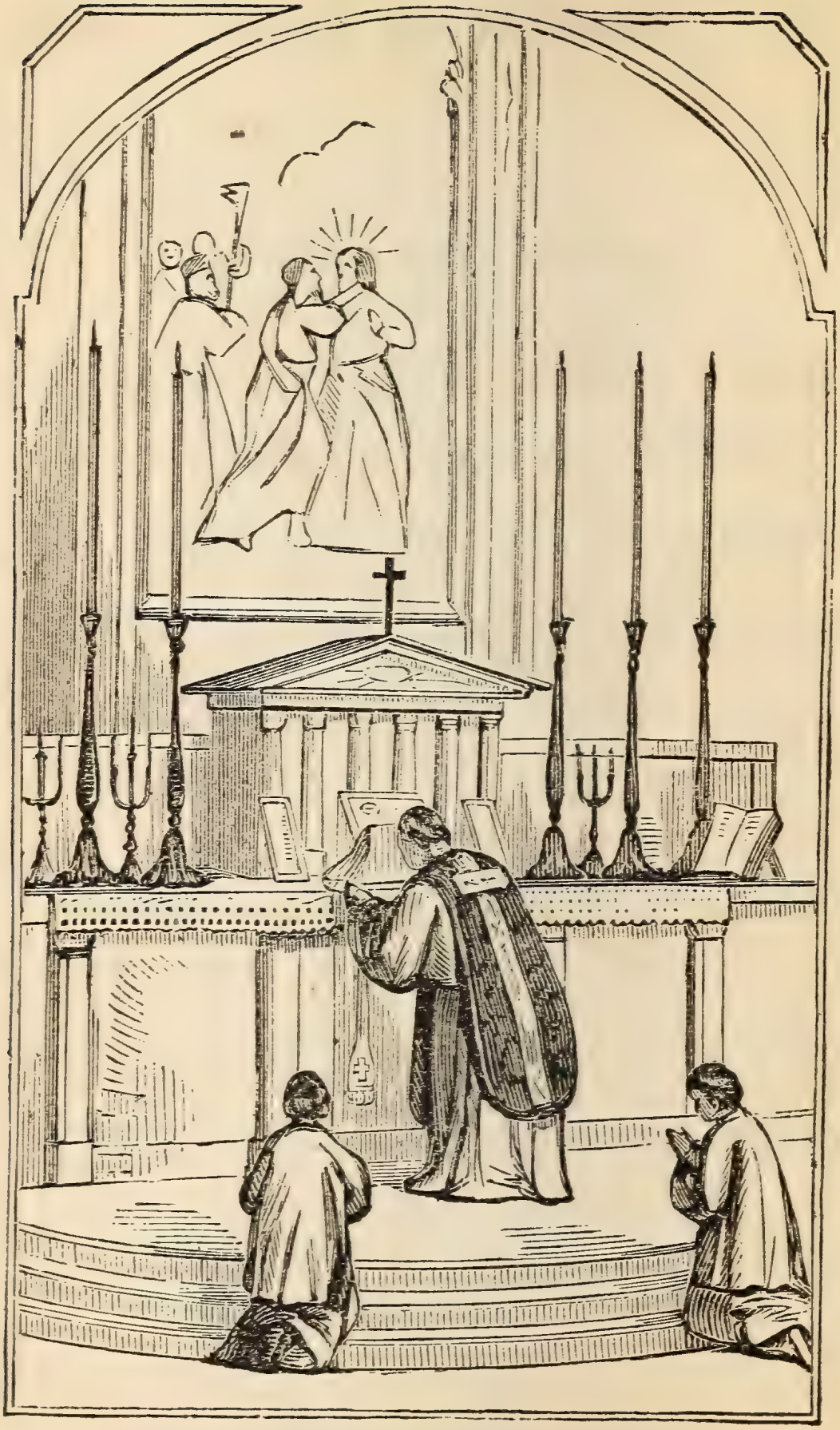
LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who in thy bitter agony in the Garden was comforted by an Angel, grant, through the merits of thy prayer when I pray, thy holy angel may assist and comfort me. Amen.

JESUS FALLS ON HIS FACE.

AT THE CONFITEOR.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who, praying in the garden, unto thy heavenly Father, being in an agony, didst miraculously sweat blood from all thy members, grant that, by remembrance of thy bitter passion, I may shed tears of sincere repentance, now in thy presence. Amen.

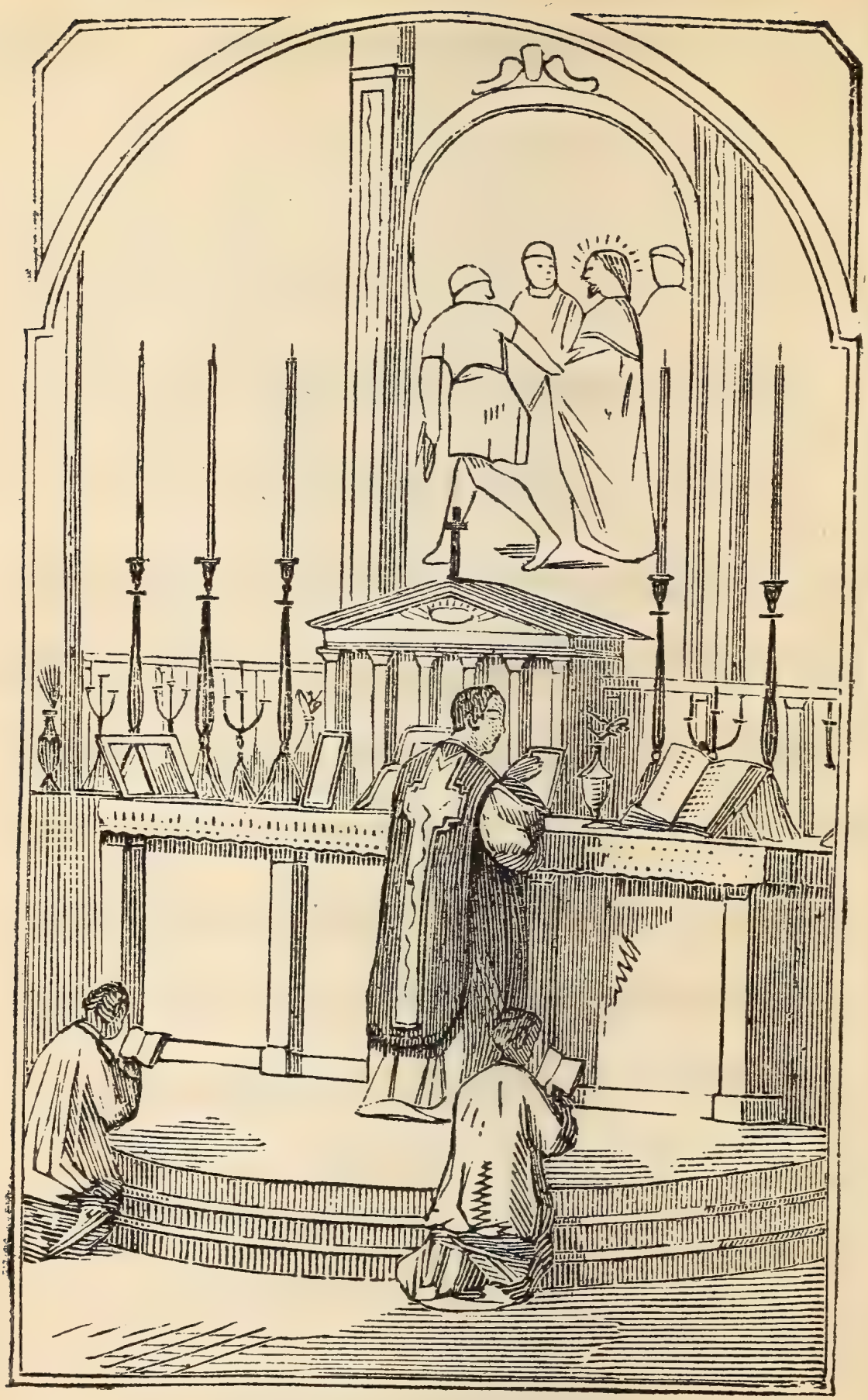


JESUS IS BETRAYED WITH A KISS.

THE PRIEST KISSES THE ALTAR.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who sufferedst Judas to betray thee with a kiss, grant that I may never betray thee in my neighbor or myself; nor ever return evil to my enemies, but the good offices of charity. Amen.

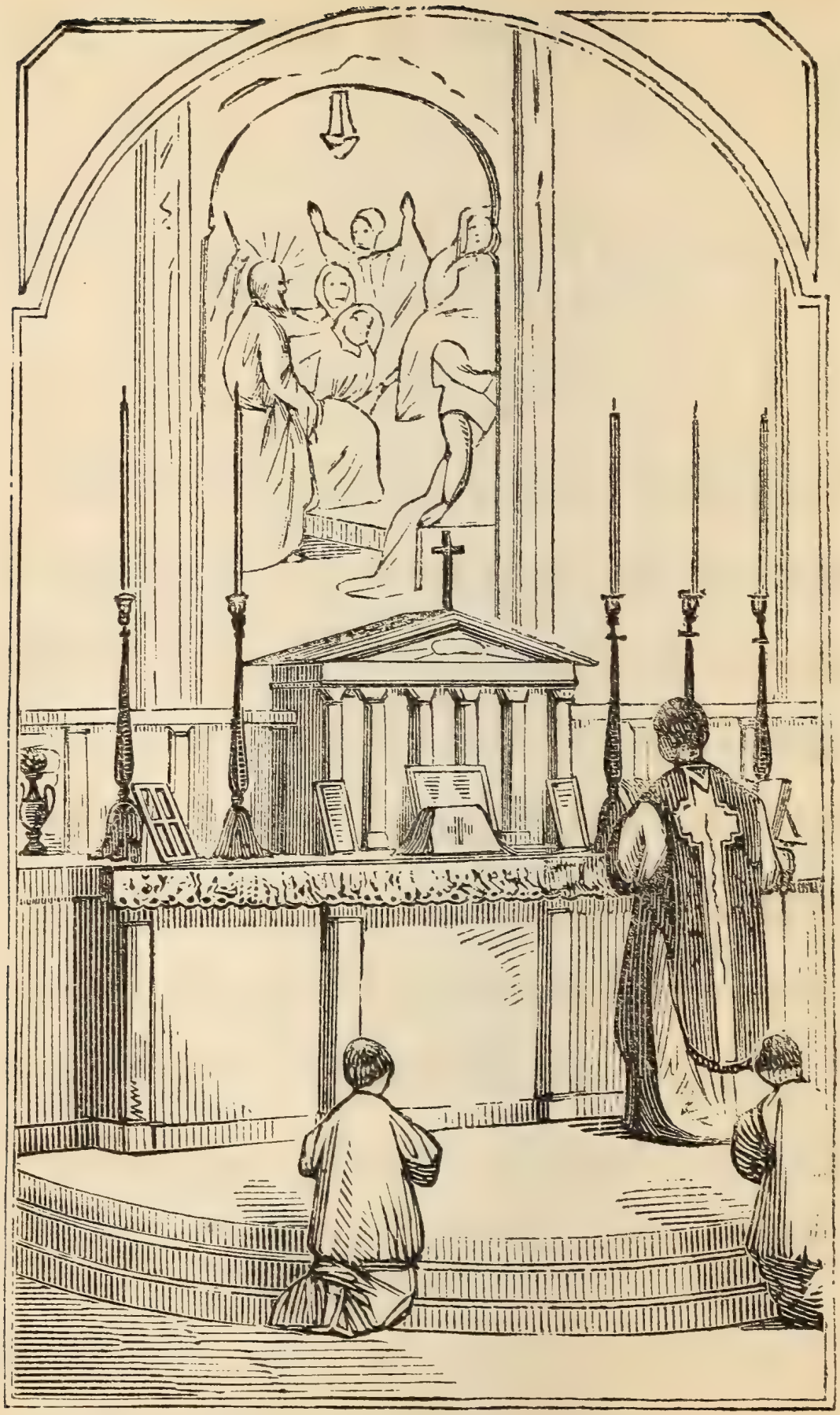


JESUS IS LED CAPTIVE.

THE PRIEST GOES TO THE EPISTLE SIDE OF THE ALTAR.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who didst submit to be bound by the hands of wicked men, break, I beseech thee, the chain of my sins, and so tie me with the bands of charity and the cords of thy commandments, that I may neither in thought, word, nor deed, offend thee hereafter. Amen



JESUS IS STRUCK ON THE FACE.

AT THE INTROIT.

The Prayer

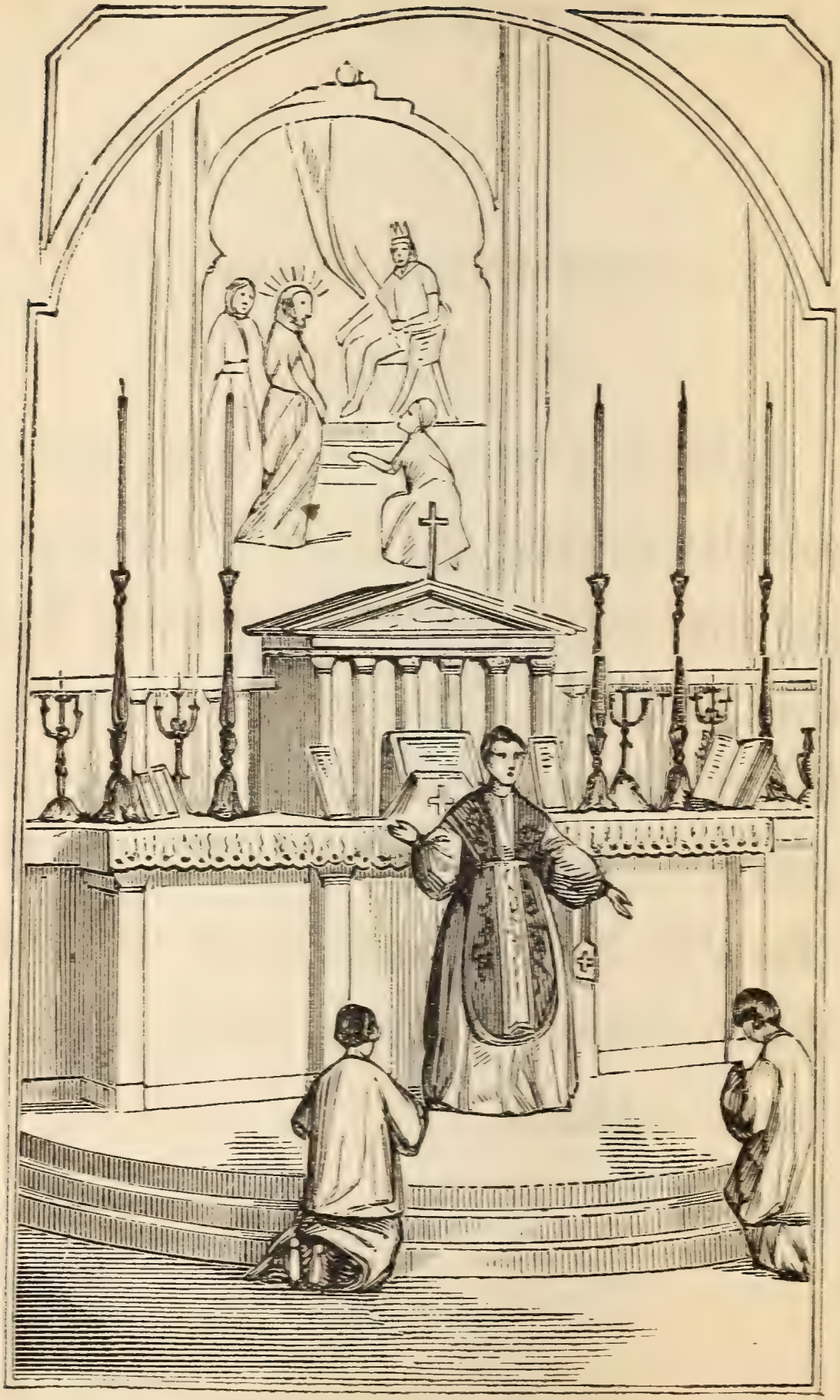
LORD Jesus Christ, who wast brought as a criminal to Annas, by an armed band of wicked men, grant that I may never suffer myself to be led into sin by the evil suggestions of my fellow-creatures, or the temptations of the wicked one, but that I may be safely guided by thy Holy Spirit, to the fulfilment of thy Divine will. Amen.

JESUS IS DENIED BY PETER.

AT THE KYRIE ELEISON.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who sufferedst thyself to be thrice denied by the prince of the apostles in the house of Caiaphas, preserve me, I beseech thee, from ill company, that I may suffer all wordly losses, and even death itself, rather than deny thee once. Amen.

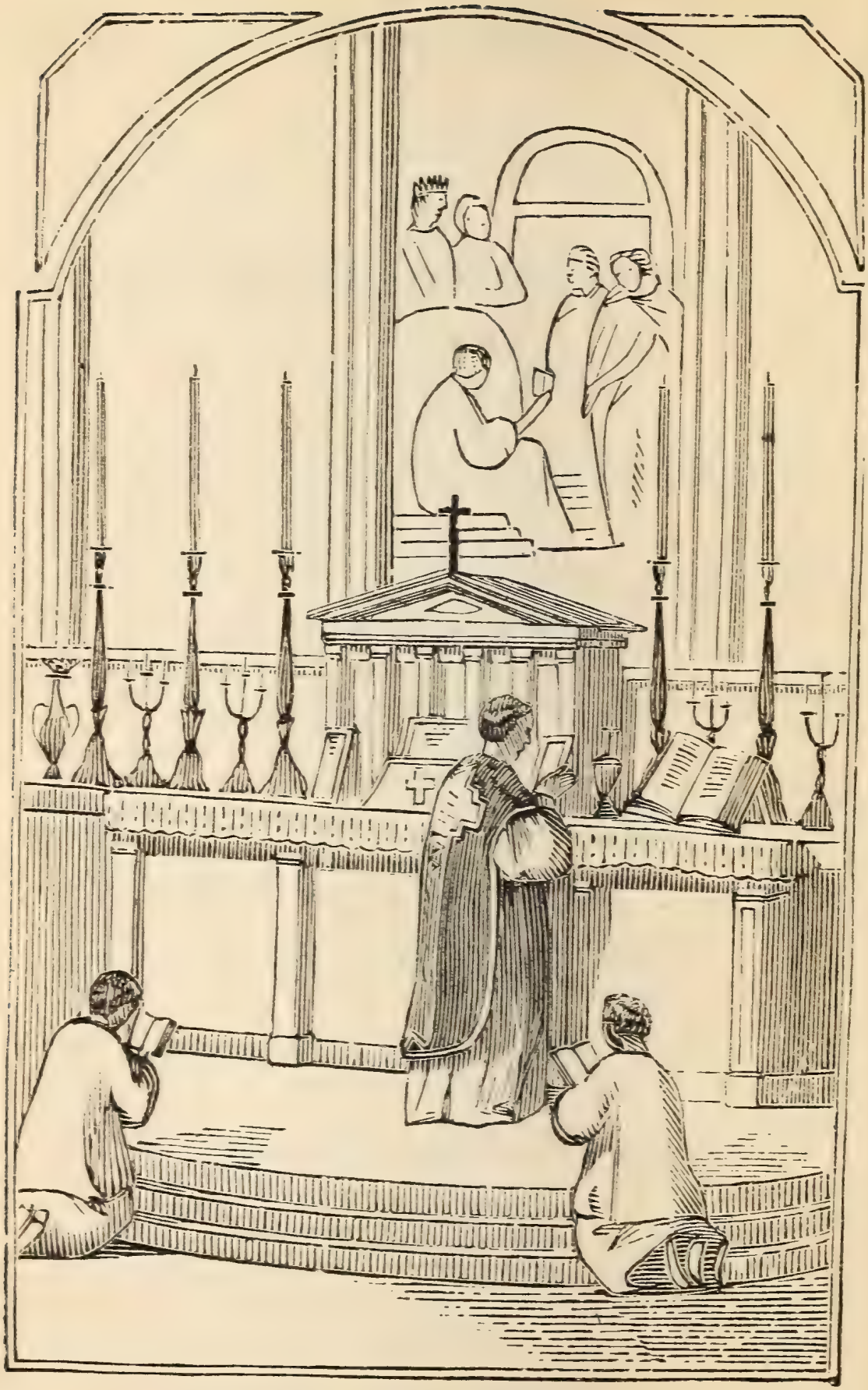


PETER CONVERTED BY A LOOK OF JESUS.

AT THE DOMINUS VOBISCUM.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who, mercifully looking back on St. Peter, caused him to weep bitterly for his offences, look on me, I beseech thee, with thine eyes of mercy, that I may with tears fully bewail my sins, and neither in word nor deed ever offend thee, my Lord and my God. Amen.



JESUS IS LED TO PILATE.

AT THE EPISTLE.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who submitted to be brought before Pilate, and there falsely accused, teach me to avoid the snares of the wicked, and to profess my faith constantly by the performance of good works. Amen.

JESUS IS BROUGHT TO HEROD.

AT MUNDA COR MEUM.

The Prayer.

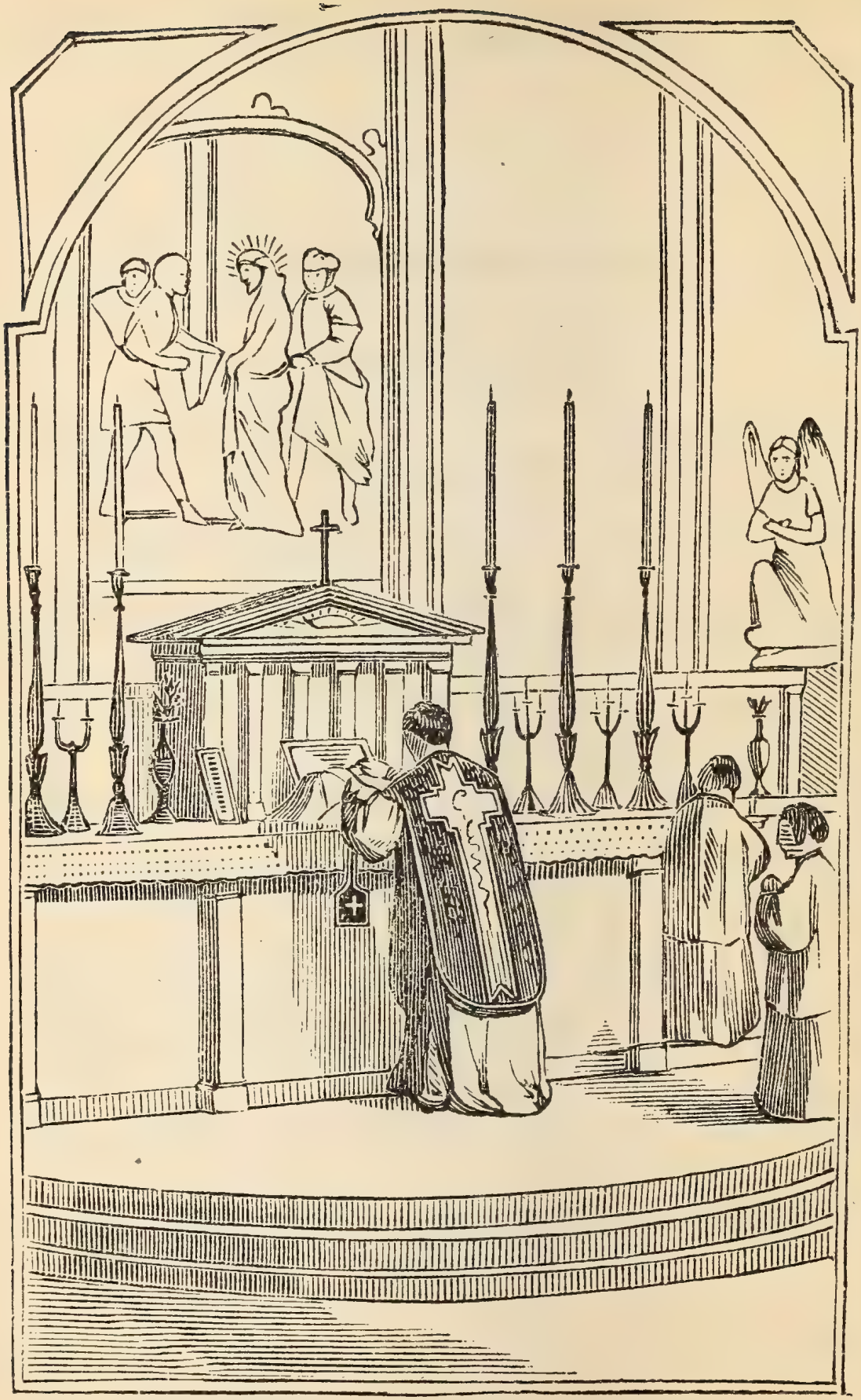
LORD Jesus Christ, who before Herod didst for my sake suffer, grant that I may bear patiently the injuries inflicted on me, and learn from thee, O my divine Master, to be meek and humble of heart. Amen.

JESUS IS SENT BACK TO PILATE.

AT THE GOSPEL.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who submitted to be sent back as a fool by Herod to Pilate, and, by that means, caused a reconciliation between them, strengthen me by thy grace, that I may not fear the designs of my enemies, but profit by being persecuted by them, and imitate your example. Amen.

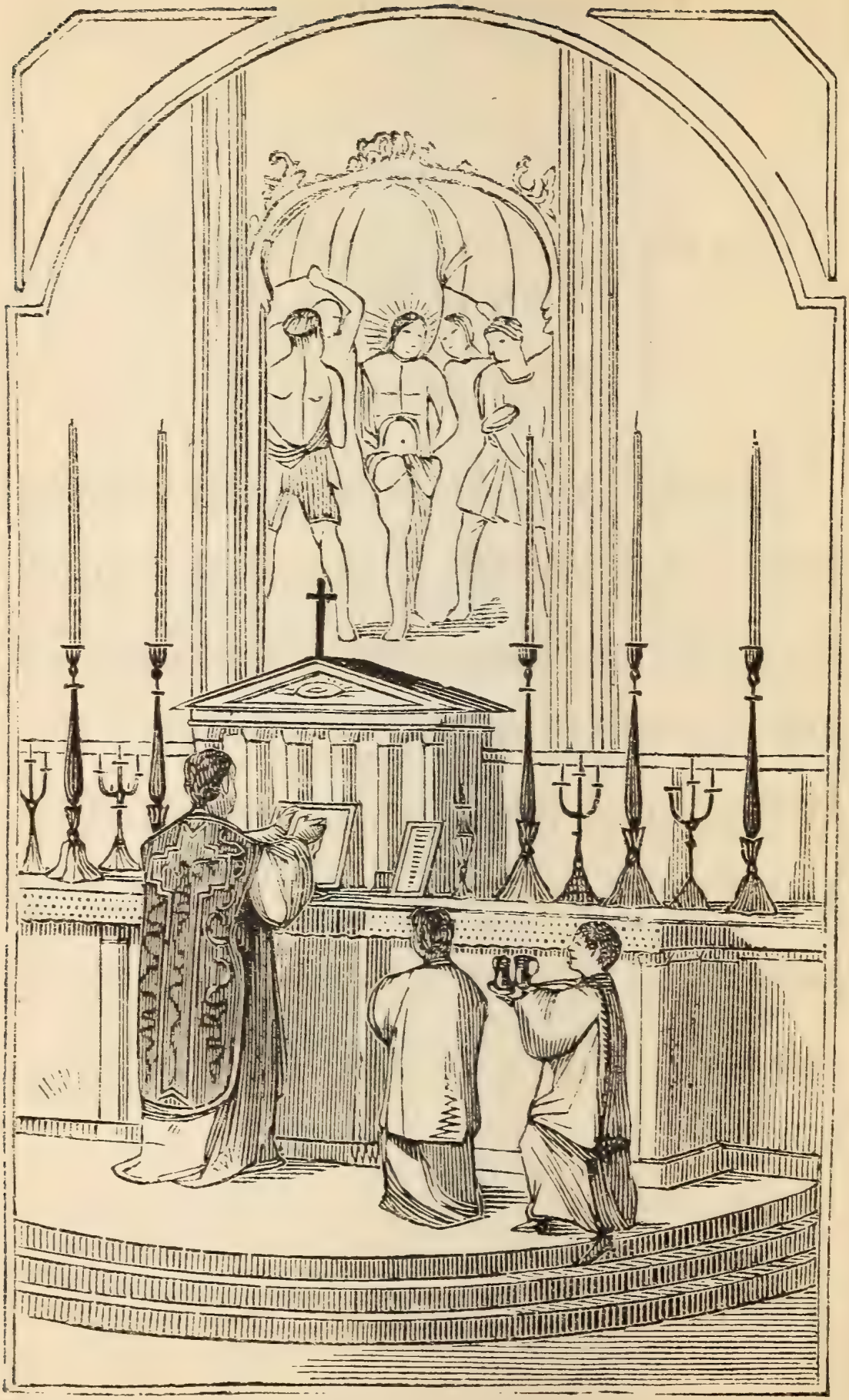


JESUS IS SPOILED OF HIS GARMENTS.

AT THE UNVEILING OF THE CHALICE.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who wast despoiled of thy garments, and stripped naked, and scourged, for my sake, grant me grace, by a sincere confession of my sins, to put off the old man with all his acts, and never to appear before thee destitute of the virtues of a Christian. Amen.



JESUS IS SCOURGED.

AT THE OFFERTORY.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who for me wast pleased to be bound unto a pillar, and there cruelly scourged, give me grace willingly to bear the scourges of thy paternal correction, and never more to grieve thee by my sins. Amen.

JESUS IS CROWNED WITH THORNS.

AT THE COVERING OF THE CHALICE.

The Prayer.

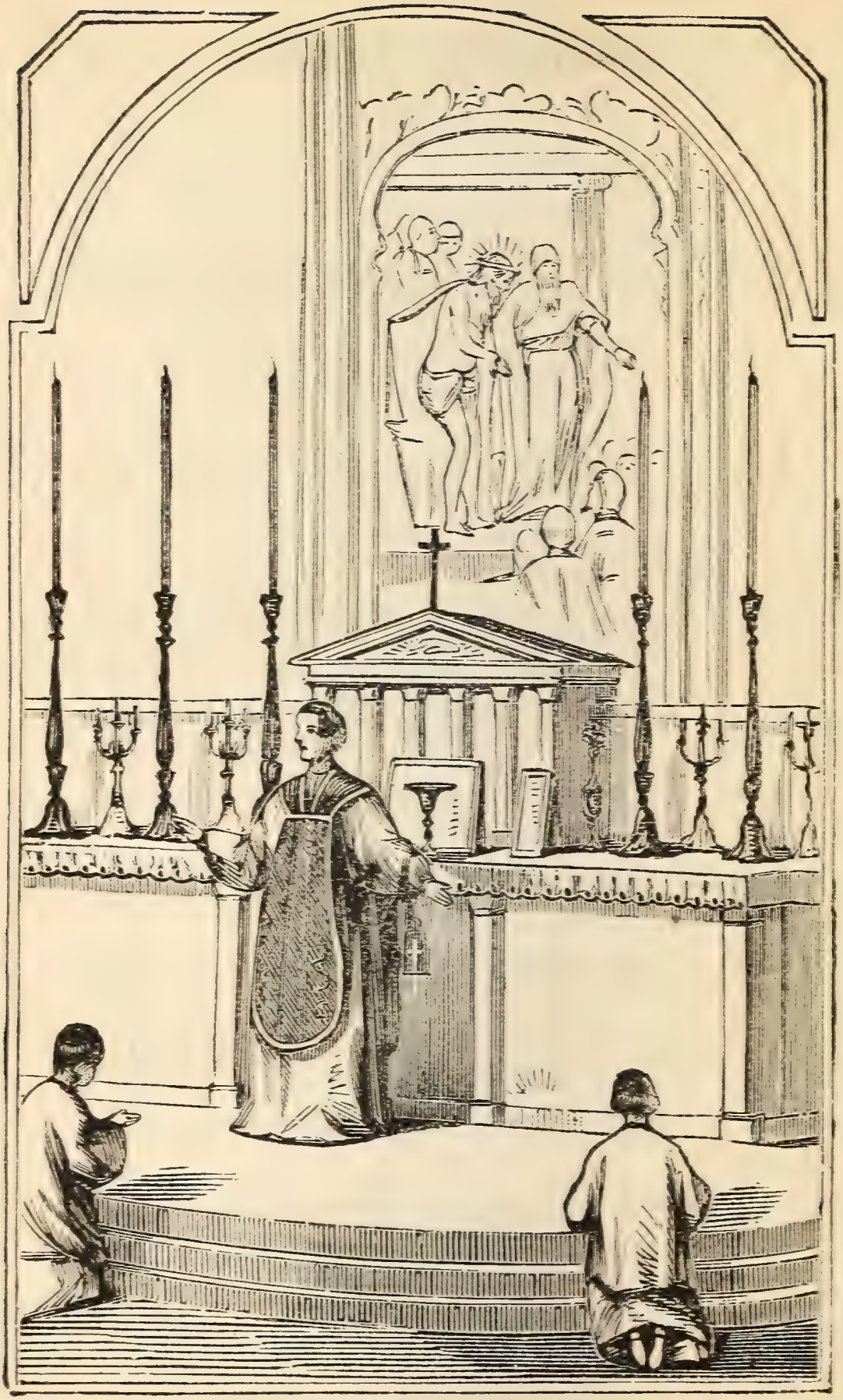
LORD Jesus Christ, who for my sake cruelly submitted to be crowned with thorns, pierce my heart so thoroughly with the thorns of penance, that I may deserve to be hereafter crowned by thee in heaven. Amen.

PILATE WASHES HIS HANDS.

THE PRIEST WASHES HIS FINGERS.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, who though declared innocent by the President Pilate, didst hear, without opening thy divine lips, the outcries of the Jews to crucify thee, grant me grace to lead a holy life and not to be troubled by the opinions of men, live innocently, and that the malice of others may not trouble me. Amen.

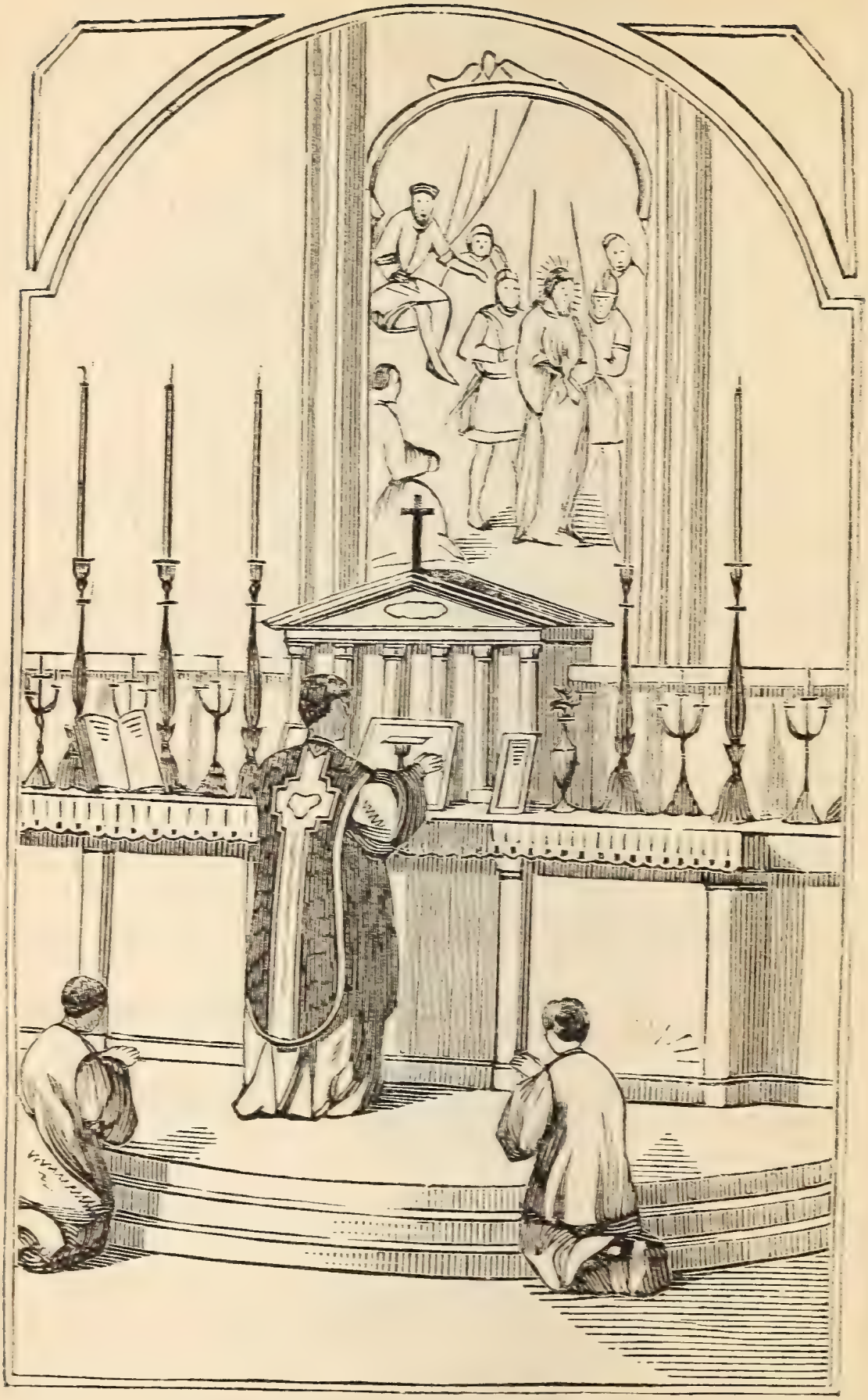


PILATE SAYS, "BEHOLD THE MAN."

AT THE ORATE FRATRES.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who without murmuring voluntarily submitted to the cruel mocking of the Jews, grant me grace faithfully to resist all emotions of vain-glory, and on the day of judgment appear before thee in the sacred garb of humility. Amen.

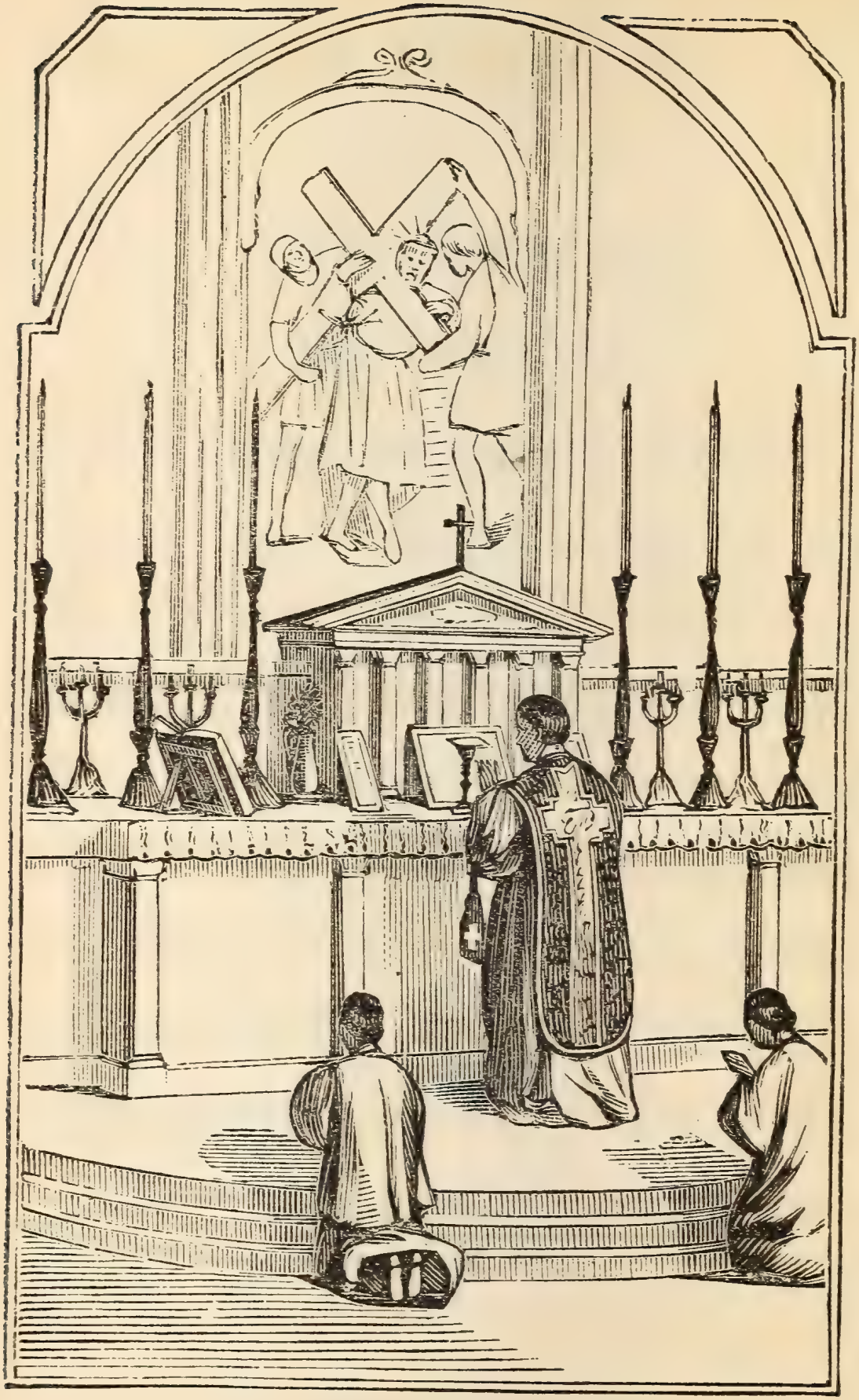


JESUS IS CONDEMNED TO DIE.

AT THE PREFACE.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who didst, for my sake, vouchsafe to receive the sentence of death, even the death of the cross, grant that on account of thy love I may not fear the sentence of the most cruel death that the perverted judgments of men can pronounce against me, nor ever perversely judge others. Amen.

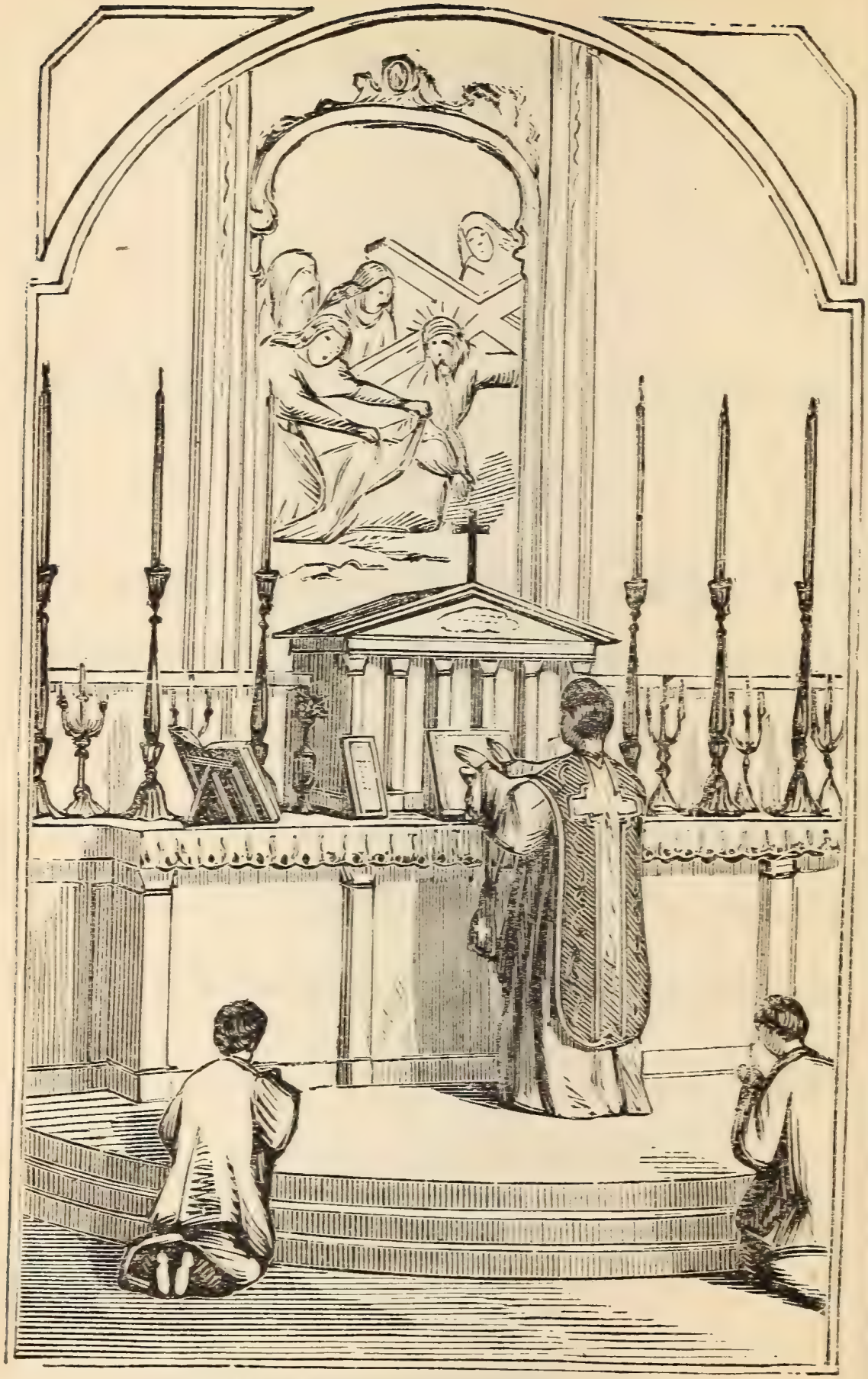


JESUS BEARS HIS CROSS.

AT THE MEMENTO FOR THE LIVING.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who, for my salvation, didst carry on thy shoulders thy heavy cross, grant that I may ardently embrace the cross of mortification, and, for the love of thee, bear it daily after thee. Amen.



VERONICA OFFERS JESUS A TOWEL.

THE PRIEST HOLDS HIS HANDS OVER THE CHALICE.

The Prayer.

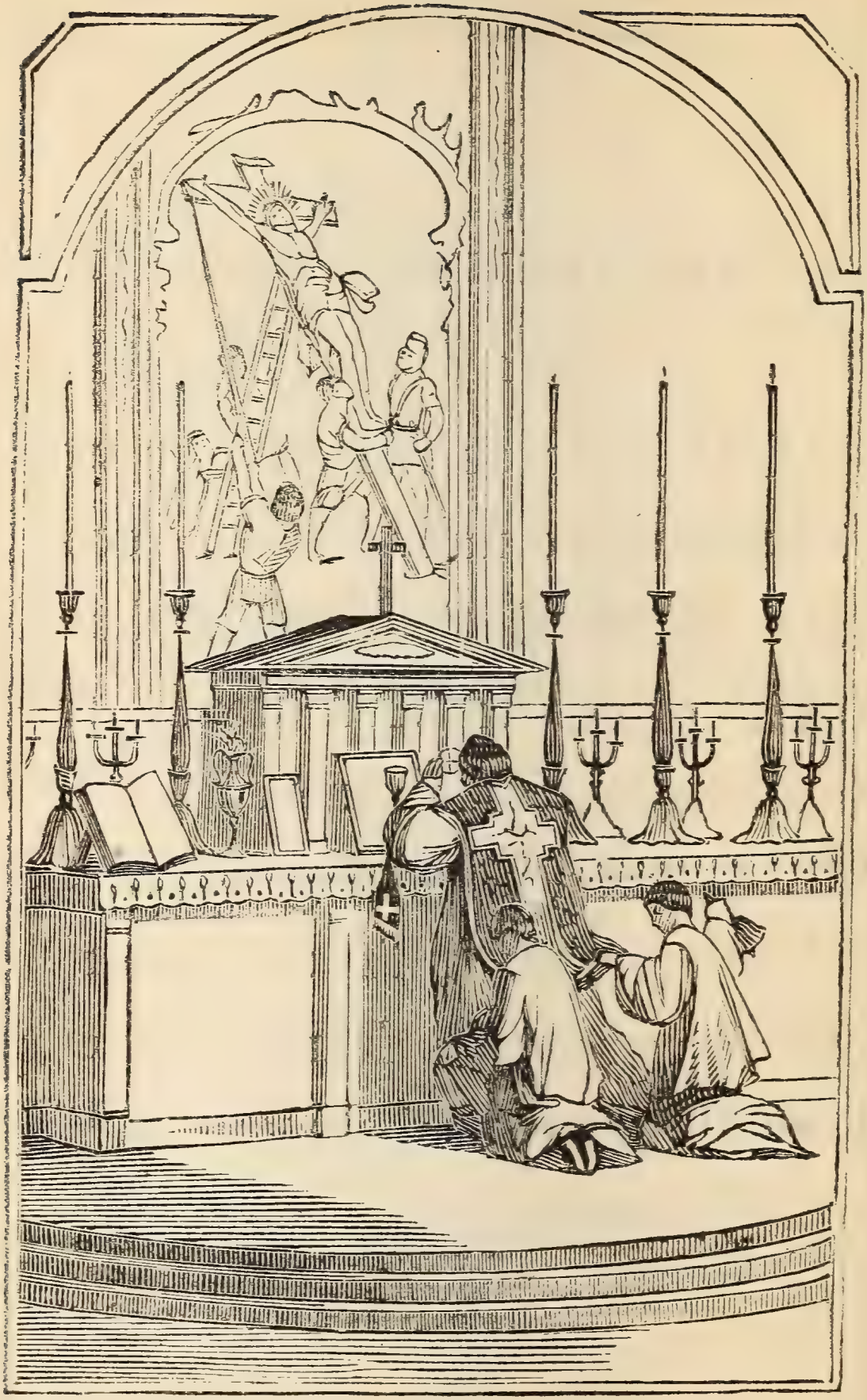
LORD Jesus Christ, who, in that miserable journey to Calvary, didst so lovingly admonish the holy women that wept over thee, to mourn for themselves, give me grace to shed tears of repentance, that with them I may wash off my sins, and become acceptable to thy Divine Majesty. Amen.

JESUS IS NAILED ON THE CROSS.

THE PRIEST SIGNS THE OBLATION.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who wast for my sake nailed to the cross, and fastened thereto the hand-writing of sin and death that was against me, transfix, I beseech thee, my body with thy holy fear, that, firmly adhering to thy precepts, I may for ever be with thee fastened to thy cross. Amen.



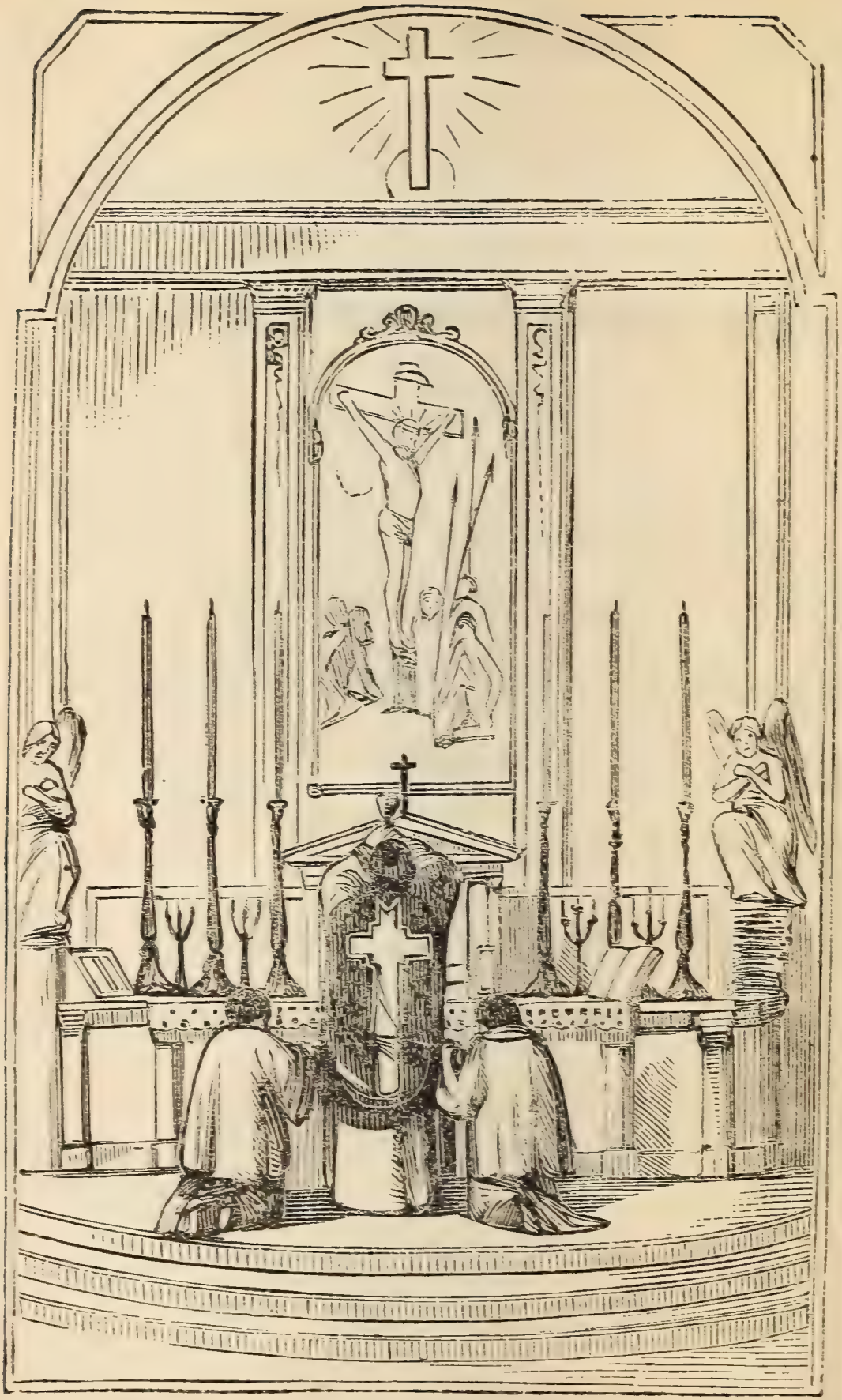
JESUS IS EXALTED ON THE CROSS.

THE ELEVATION OF THE HOST.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who, for love of me, wast pleased to be elevated on the cross and exalted above the earth, detach my heart, I beseech thee, from all earthly affections, that my soul may always live in the contemplation of heavenly things.

Amen.



BLOOD FLOWS FROM JESUS' WOUNDS.

AT THE ELEVATION OF THE CHALICE.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, thy saving wounds are the fountain of grace for us; grant that through the merits of thy precious blood our hearts may be purified from all impure thoughts and affections, and that it may prove a remedy for my sins. Amen.

JESUS PRAYS FOR THE WORLD.

AT THE MEMENTO FOR THE DEAD.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who, hanging on the cross, didst implore thy heavenly Father for all mankind, even thy crucifiers, give me, I beseech thee, the grace of humility and patience, that, according to thy precepts and example, I may love my enemies, and do good to those who hate me. Amen.

THE CONVERSION OF THE THIEF.

AT NOBIS QUOQUE PECCATORIBUS.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who didst so mercifully promise heaven to the penitent thief that humbly acknowledged his injustice, behold me, I beseech thee, with the same eyes of mercy, that, now confessing my crimes, I may obtain pardon, and in the end of my life be strengthened with the hope to be with thee in heaven. Amen.

JESUS THIRSTS.

AT THE LITTLE ELEVATION.

The Prayer.

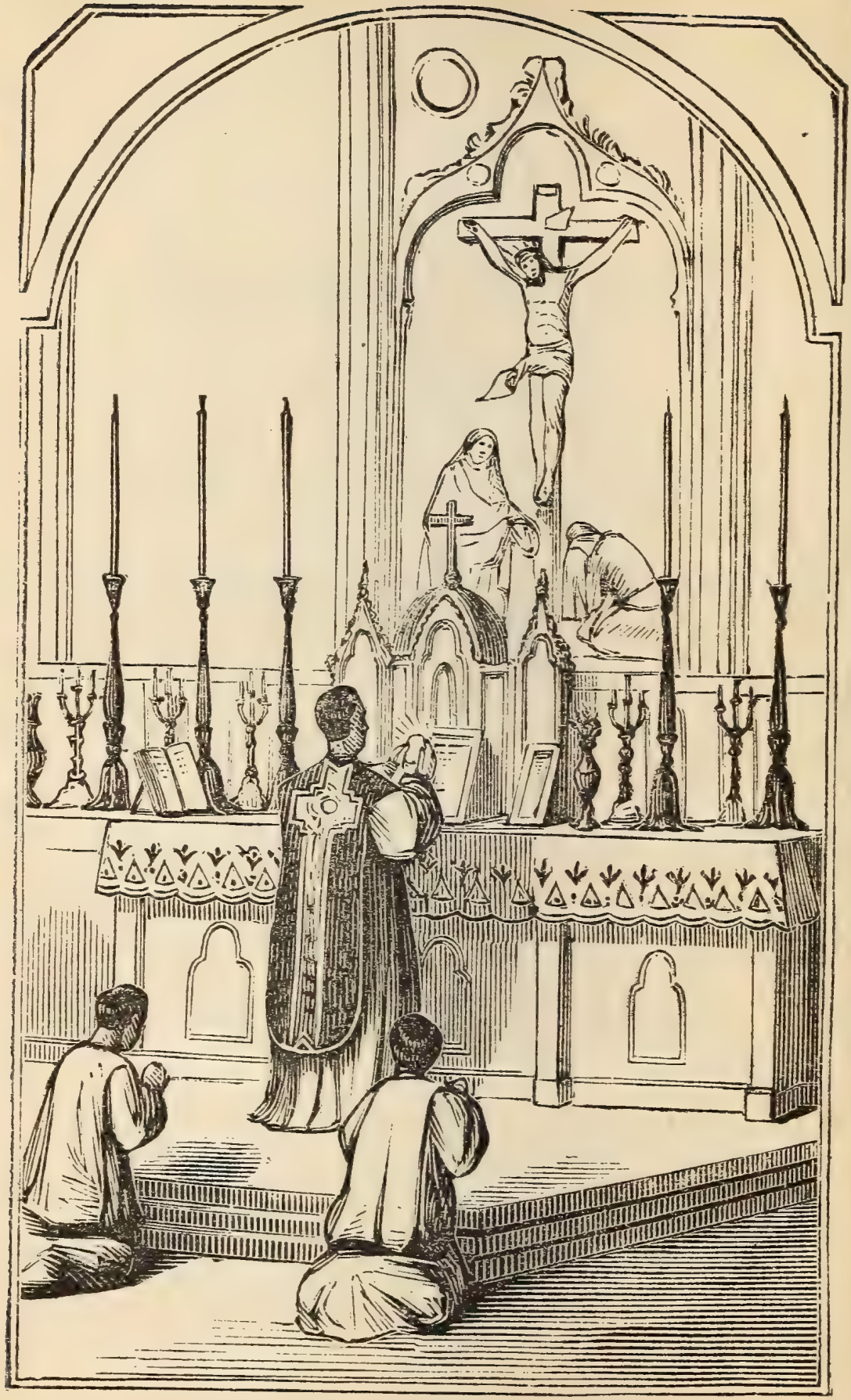
LORD Jesus Christ, who didst endure such thirst for my sake, grant me grace to bear patiently for thy sake all earthly privations, and to hunger and thirst for thy heavenly kingdom, and here below for thy Word and thy precious Body and Blood. Amen.

SEVEN WORDS OF JESUS ON THE CROSS.

AT THE PATER NOSTER.

The Prayer

LORD Jesus Christ, who from the cross didst recommend thy Blessed Mother to the Beloved disciple, and the disciple to thy Mother, I beseech thee to receive me and protect me amidst all the troubles of this life. Amen.



JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS.

AT THE BREAKING OF THE HOST.

The Prayer.

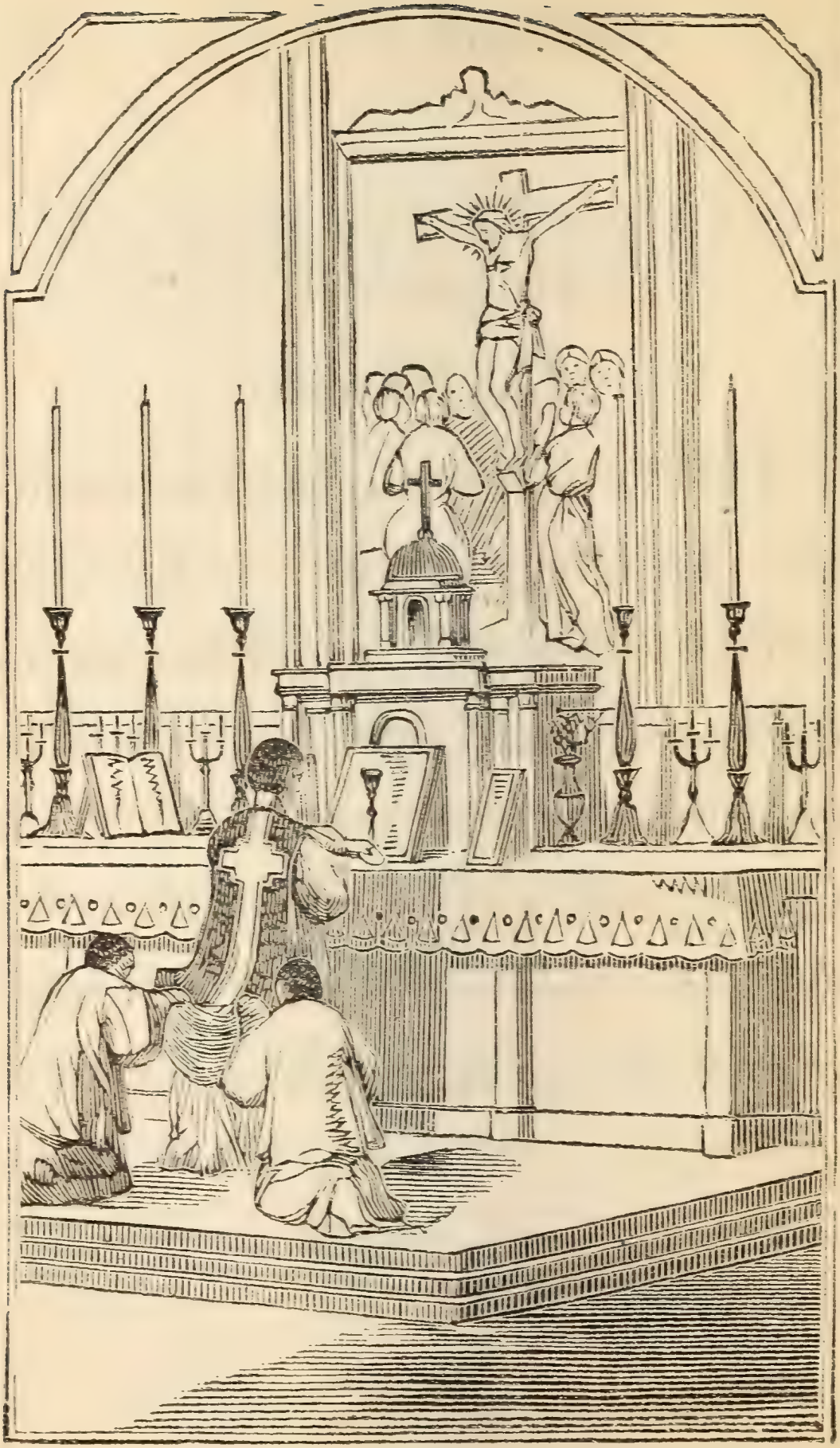
LORD Jesus Christ, who, for my sake, dying on the cross, didst commend thy soul unto thy Father, grant that, in this life, I may spiritually die with thee, and in the hour of my death confide my soul unto thee, who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

THE SOUL OF JESUS DESCENDS INTO HELL.

THE PRIEST PUTS PART OF THE HOST INTO THE CHALICE.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who, after thy glorious victory over the power of the Devil, didst descend into Limbo, to liberate the souls imprisoned there, apply, I beseech thee, the virtue of thy most precious blood and passion to the faithful souls in Purgatory, that they may be received into the joys of thy kingdom. Amen.



THE CONVERSION OF MANY AT THE CROSS.

AT THE AGNUS DEI.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, the meditation on thy torments has excited many to repentance; I beseech thee, through the efficacy of thy most bitter passion and death, perfect contrition for the offences of my past life, and grace to avoid sin in future. Amen.

JESUS IS BURIED.

AT THE COMMUNION.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who wast pleased to be buried in a new monument, give me, O Lord my God, a new heart, that, dying in thee, I may happily participate in the glory of thy resurrection. Amen.

JESUS IS ANOINTED.

AT THE ABLUTION.

The Prayer.

LORD Jesus Christ, who for me, miserable sinner, wast by Joseph and Nicodemus embalmed with spices, and wrapped in white linen, grant me worthily to receive from thy holy altar thy true and living body in the holy Eucharist, and for ever entertain it in a true heart. Amen.

JESUS' RESURRECTION.

AFTER COMMUNION.

The Prayer.

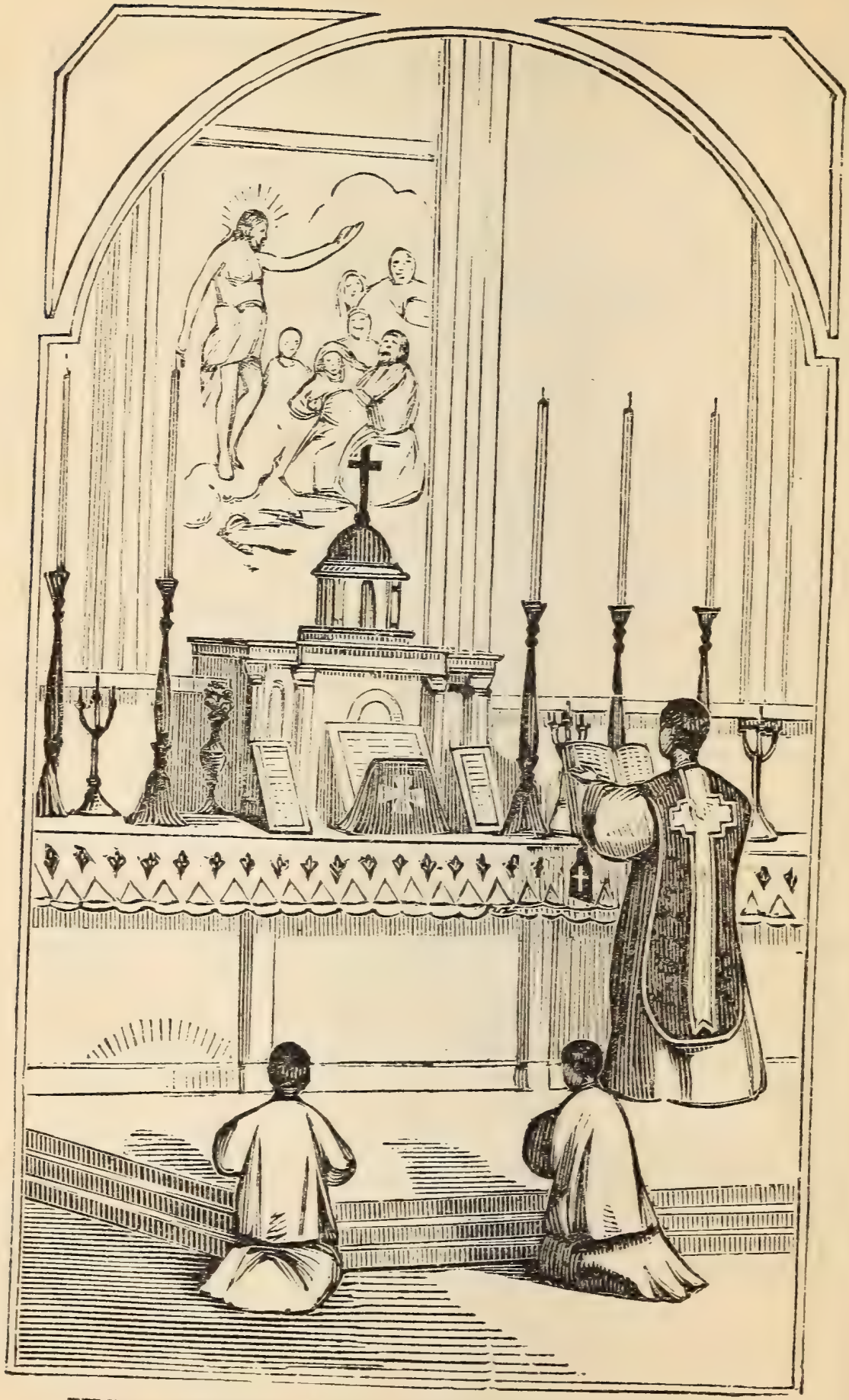
LORD Jesus Christ, who didst rise triumphant out of a sealed monument, grant me grace to rise from the bondage of sin, to walk in newness of life, that when thou, who art my Judge, shalt appear, I may also be worthy to appear with thee in glory. Amen.

JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES.

AT DOMINUS VOBISCUM.

The Prayer

LORD Jesus Christ, who, after thy resurrection, didst manifest thyself to thy beloved mother and disciples, to their great joy and consolation, mercifully grant me the grace, that, after this mortal life, I may with them rejoice in thy heavenly kingdom, enjoying thy presence for ever. Amen.



JESUS FORTY DAYS WITH HIS DISCIPLES.

AT THE LAST COLLECT.

The Prayer.

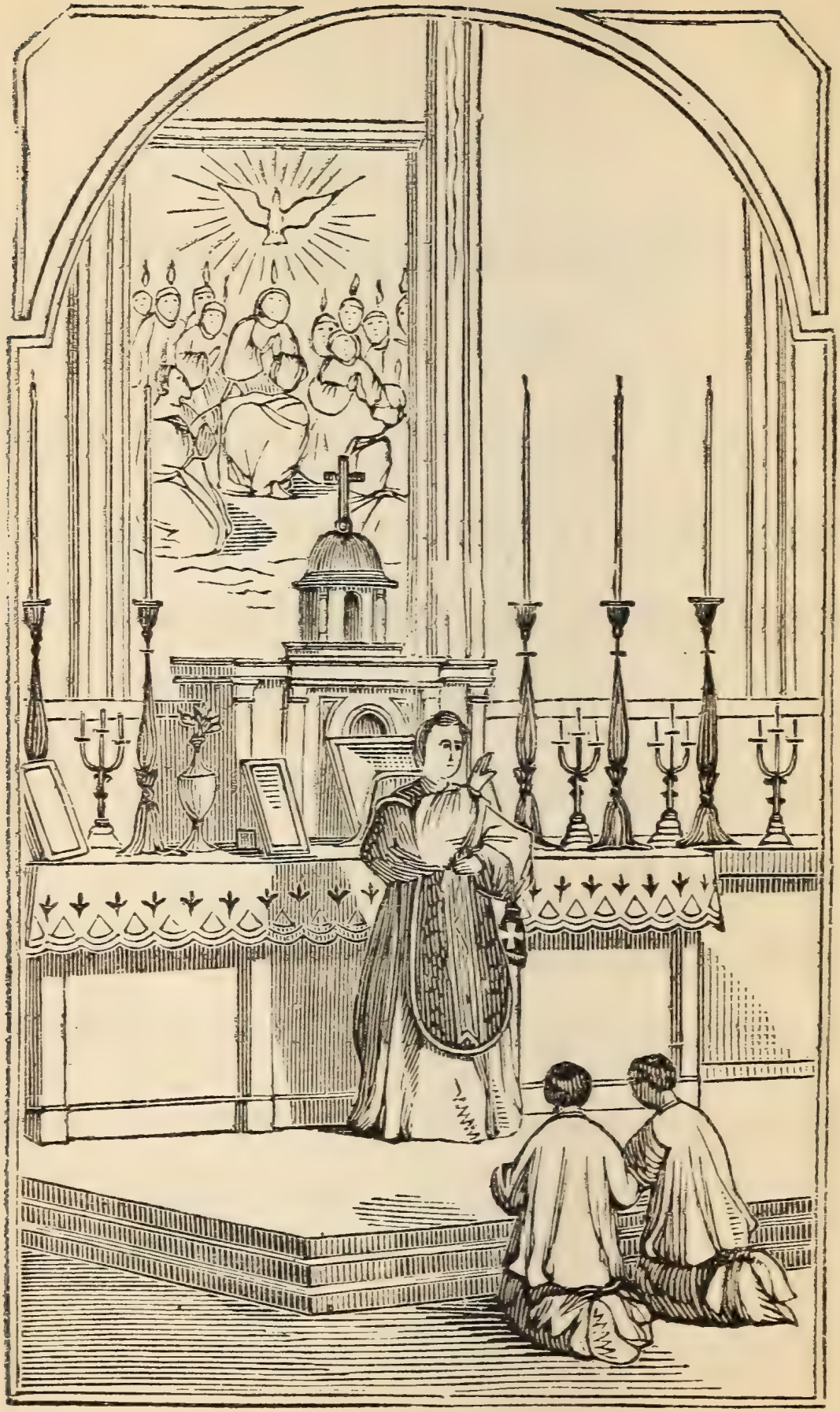
LORD Jesus Christ, who didst vouchsafe, after thy resurrection, to converse forty days with thy disciples, and instruct them in all the mysteries of faith, teach me, I beseech thee, the knowledge of those divine truths and strengthen my belief in them, according to thy doctrine, and never to swerve in the least from thy will. Amen.

JESUS ASCENDS INTO HEAVEN.

AT THE LAST DOMINUS VOBISCUM.

The Prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, who, after the term of forty days, didst ascend glorious and immortal into heaven, in the presence of thy disciples, grant that my heart may, for thy love, loathe all earthly things; attend only unto eternal: and pant, hunger, and thirst after thee, as the first and best of all blessings. Amen.



THE DESCENT OF THE HOLY GHOST.

AT THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN.

The Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst send the Holy Ghost upon thy disciples, while they were engaged in prayer, cleanse, I beseech thee, my heart from all sin, that the same Holy Ghost may always dwell in it by his manifold gifts, and my soul be everlastingly comforted. Amen.

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